

Town council grants £365k in its biggest financial handout

THEATRE AND FOOTBALL CLUB BIGGEST BENEFICIARIES - FIVE ORGANISATIONS GO HOME EMPTY HANDED

LYME Regis Town Council has awarded grants totalling £365,700 to local organisations in the biggest financial handout in the authority's history.

During a particularly long meeting which continued close to midnight last Wednesday, councillors took their time deliberating the merits of 12 major grant applications from local groups requesting a total of £591,053 over the next four years, with a budget of £382,800 available.

In previous years the council has only offered major grants to the Marine Theatre, The Hub youth club, LymeForward and to the Woodmead Halls for the provision of public toilet facilities. However, this year the council invited all local organisations to make grant applications for over £5,000 to make the process "fairer".

The Woodmead Halls was the only organisation which usually receives funding that did not apply this year. This followed a dispute in which the halls management committee argued that its funding should not come from the council's grants pot, as it held a Service Level Agreement with the council for providing a public toilets on the council's behalf.

At a previous meeting, Councillor Stan Williams,

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who is chairman of the Woodmead Halls Management Committee, said that by using the grants budget to fund the public toilets, the council was "stealing" from other organisations.

Despite having not received an application, the Mayor, Councillor Owen Lovell, asked if councillors would still like to hold funds from the £382,800 budget back for Woodmead Halls but members felt they could not do this without a specific figure in front of them.

The biggest beneficiary of the night was the Marine Theatre. Having requested a total of £140,000 over the next four years to support core running costs, it was awarded £120,000, which came on top of a separate £20,000 grant the council agreed to give the theatre the previous week to help with essential roof repairs.

Having requested a total of £120,000 over the next four years, Lyme Regis Football Club took away £100,000 for a three-stage major project at the club's Davey Fort ground on Charmouth Road – to extend the pitch and create a covered seating

area on the half way line; extend the clubhouse with a new kitchen; and tarmac and fence the car park.

Other groups to be awarded funds were as follows:

- LymeForward – requested £64,000 over four years and received £60,000 for core running costs and to maintain the current level of service delivery.

- The Hub youth club – requested and received £40,000 over four years for core running costs.

- Fossil Festival – requested £24,000 over four years and received £20,000 to fund two marquees for the annual event.

- Lyme Regis Gig Club – requested a one-off grant of £6,853 and received £5,700 for a fiberglass training gig and oars.

- B Sharp – Requested £40,000 over the next four years on top of £5,000 which the council had already promised the group, but received only £20,000, plus the additional £5,000, for the continuation of young music leader training, weekly sessions and recruitment of staff. Out of all the applications which received funding, B Sharp received the smallest proportion of what it requested.

Councillors eliminated five organisations early

in their discussions after deciding they either did not fit their criteria or were not worthy of major funding. These were as follows:

- Town Mill Trust – councillors said they could not support the trust's application for a one-off payment of £10,300 for improvements to the mill's courtyard toilets and to increase seating space in the café.

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GEOFF Kerr is 65-years-old and lives in Hursey, a small hamlet next to the village of Broadwindsor, after moving to the area with his wife in July 2014 from Wendover in Buckinghamshire.

He set up the Broadwindsor Jammers, a local guitar group, shortly after moving to West Dorset, which provides regular jamming sessions.

Geoff has been married to his wife Jenny for five years and between them they have four children and eight grandchildren, with another on the way. Mr Kerr retired in 2010 after working in the car trade for 35 years while also running a mobile disco from 1974 to 1997.

● TELL us a bit more about Broadwindsor Jammers...

As soon as we moved to Hursey, I started to look around for a guitar group to join similar to the one I belonged to in Aylesbury but I couldn't find one so I thought I'd start my own group. I began by putting up posters on noticeboards all over the place looking for guitarists of all ages and abilities. Two months later, after receiving several responses, five guitarists met at my house and the Broadwindsor Jammers were formed.

I now have over 50 jammers that I regularly email inviting them to either our larger group jamming sessions in our village hall or our smaller group sessions in people's homes. As well as regular jamming sessions, we have been fortunate enough last year to be asked to play at a local wedding reception, to play at the Broadwindsor Harvest Supper and to play in church at the Broadwindsor Carol Service.

If anyone would like us to perform at their social event and want popular sing-a-long music then Broadwindsor Jammers are available at no cost in Broadwindsor or in surrounding towns and villages. Please phone Geoff on 01308 867221 or 07849 600366 or email geoff381@hotmail.com

● How long have you been playing the guitar?

I only started to play an acoustic guitar in April 2013. In October 2013 I joined a jamming group in the Aylesbury Arts Centre where we met every Wednesday night and we did performances in the Limelight Theatre and other venues around



Aylesbury. I moved to West Dorset in July 2014 and I formed the Broadwindsor Jammers in September 2014 so you could say that I've been jamming and doing performances for just over two years.

● What are your favourite songs to play on your own or with your jammers?

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Even before buying my first guitar I had always wanted to play "House Of The Rising Sun" by The Animals and "Hotel California" by The Eagles. We have over 60 songs on our jamming repertoire which we regularly play. If I had to choose two favourites that we play the most of I would pick "Bye Bye Love" by The Everly Brothers and "Love Is All Around" by The Troggs or Wet Wet Wet, depending on which generation you are.

● Do you have any hints or tips for anyone wanting to start playing the guitar or joining the Broadwindsor jammers?

My advice to anyone thinking of learning to play the guitar is to do it now and not leave it until you retire like I did. I would go to a qualified guitar teacher, which I can recommend, for between six and nine months and when you are proficient in playing around a dozen or more chords, join my jamming group and have fun playing songs from the song sheets that I provide.

● What attracted you to this area?

My wife Jenny had always had a fondness for West Dorset and had holidays here as a child. For me it was a case of "Escape to the Country" and as I come from Southend, to be back near the coast again.

● What do you like to do in your spare time?

I play outdoor bowls for Chard Bowling Club and I'm a qualified bowls coach. I also go and watch Bridport Town play football as much as I can.

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Lyme's record-breaking Guitars on the Beach event cancelled due to lack of sponsorship

GUITARS On The Beach (GOTB), Lyme's record-breaking day of music which became Britain's biggest guitar festival, is to be cancelled this year.

After months of wrangling of how to fund and stage the event, which has become one of the town's most popular summer attractions, the organisers have called it off.

This year's event, the fourth time that thousands of guitarists from all over the UK would gather to perform as "Britain's biggest band" on the town's main beach, was scheduled to take place on September 3rd.

But due to a lack of sponsorship and the organisers' other workloads, it is to be "rested" for at least a year. GOTB founder and spokesman Geoff Baker confirmed that the gig will now not go on.

"It is time to put this limping dog of an event to sleep, at least for a year," he said.

"The truth is that sufficient music business sponsorship for Guitars On The Beach is just not available and also those of us who organise it no longer have the considerable time that is needed to find proper funding."

Two years ago, GOTB attracted more than 3,000 guitarists from all over Britain when Lyme's local rock star Ian Gillan of Deep Purple led a massive crowd of players in a performance of "Smoke On The Water", and the crowd set the UK record for the biggest band in British music history. Every hotel and guest house in Lyme was fully booked over the weekend and the event caused huge publicity for the town.

Mr Baker, who founded the event with fellow Lyme residents David Austin and Jill Newton, added: "Anyone who was there knows that it was a fabulous day which not only gave a lot of fun to guitarists of all ages and abilities, it also brought a big spend to the town, which I estimate to have been worth between £50,000 and £100,000 to Lyme's economy. Apart from the Red Arrows, GOTB became Lyme's biggest crowd attraction."

"Last year the number of guitarists dipped by around 1,000, but it was still a very big event - far bigger than any other single music event in Lyme's music calendar. However, because of the lack of sponsorship and other financial support, last year lost a lot of money."

In its first two years GOTB donated thousands of pounds to the skatepark appeal, the Anning Road play park, the Christmas lights, the local branch of Cancer Research UK and other groups.

The decision to cancel this year's GOTB will be a blow to local and nationally-famed chef Mark Hix, whose Food Rocks event runs in tandem with the huge guitar festival.

"Guitars On The Beach originated because Mark asked us to come up with a sideshow event that would draw visitors to the town for Food Rocks," said Mr Baker.

"We feel bad that we will be letting him down by not staging our gig this year but the background to our show is a bit more complicated - Food Rocks has always been well-sponsored by various companies, but none of that sponsorship has ever been shared with Guitars On The Beach and so we have to look to backing from guitar manufacturers and other music companies and in this seemingly-endless period of austerity

they do not have the spare cash available to help us.

"The trouble is that most of the organisers work for a living, we are not retired volunteers. If I had the time which I had when we organised the first two years, we could probably have made this year happen, but because of new work commitments Dave and I don't have the free time that is needed to find funding, and so we are going to rest it for a year or for however long it takes to raise proper sponsorship and backing."

The decision to cancel the event also came after Lyme Regis Town Council turned down an application during its major grants process for £8,500 to help stage the event (see pages 1 & 5).

Councillors said that the GOTB application did not meet their criteria, as any profits raised from the event would be donated to other charities. However, they encouraged organisers to put a funding request to the



■ LACK OF FUNDING: Guitars on the Beach founder Geoff Baker said organisers have had to cancel the event due to lack of sponsorship and time

council's Tourism & Economic Development Committee, which may have been able to underwrite the cost of the event.

Mr Baker added: "The town council's tourism committee has generously offered to help us raise funds and there has been talk of possibly underwriting any loss but we don't want to blindly stage anything that may make a loss in the knowledge that a loss can just be sponged up by public money."

"I don't think that would be a very decent thing to do, so we are going to have a rest and think up a way of making GOTB more attractive to private sponsors."

Asked if the GOTB team would consider handing the event over to music charity B Sharp, Lyme Regis Jazz & Blues Festival or even to the town council to organise, Mr Baker said: "Absolutely not. They have their own events to organise, let them get on with their own shows. We own the rights to GOTB, so nobody can just nick it without our permission and that permission isn't going to be given."

"This isn't the end for Guitars On The Beach, we're just taking time off to get it right. Every band goes through a period like this, even Britain's biggest band. But we will be back."

Council will not buy land at Belmont

LYME Regis Town Council has expressed no interest in purchasing land currently for sale at the famous Belmont house on Pound Street.

Half an acre of land at Belmont, the former home of Georgian entrepreneur Eleanor Coade and local author John Fowles, who wrote "The French Lieutenant's Woman", has gone up for sale for a guide price of £100,000. International estate agents Savills are marketing the plot at the 18th century maritime villa as "amenity land" with "allegedly, the best view of the Cobb in Lyme Regis". The house itself, owned by The Landmark Trust, is not up for sale.

At last week's meeting, councillors were officially informed of the land for sale, which immediately adjoins the northern boundary of the council-owned Langmoor Gardens. However, members were advised that the asking price was "well above" that normally seen for amenity land and there was "no obvious development potential" at the site.

The land had been inspected by the town clerk, mayor and chairman of the council's Strategy & Policy Committee, and agreed that it would "not offer sufficient strategic benefit to the council to warrant further interest at the current asking price". Councillors agreed not to pursue this any further.

Belmont recently underwent a £1.8million restoration and is now being rented out as holiday accommodation. The Landmark Trust does not own the area of land currently for sale and will not be making an offer for it as it already has "sufficient land" for its needs.

The house itself will be open to the public this weekend (see page 7 for details).

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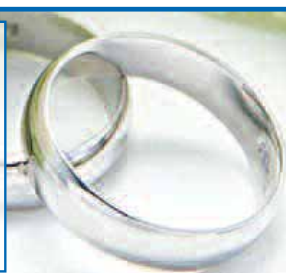
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Police helping to address mental health issues

DORSET Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Martyn Underhill, are showing continued support for nationwide initiatives to address mental health issues in the workplace.

The force and the PCC, alongside mental health charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, are committing to challenging mental health stigma and promoting positive wellbeing for all officers and staff.

One in four people in the UK experience a mental health problem in any given year and research shows that those working and volunteering in the emergency services are even more at risk than those in the general population, but are less likely to get support.

In December 2015 Dorset Police and the PCC officially signed the Mind "Blue Light Pledge", and last week the organisation took part in Time to Talk Day, which formed part of the Time to Change campaign led by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness.

The "Blue Light Time to Change" pledge was developed by Mind to help fight any stigma around mental health and to support organisations to make positive changes to improve mental health in the workplace.

Dorset Police's People, confidence and equality manager, Karen Duke-Glover, said: "It is a force priority to ensure that those with mental ill health receive the appropriate care when in contact with the police, and this duty of care extends to our officers and staff too.

"The nature of the job means that many of our employees are often under high levels of stress and pres-



■ **ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH:** Standing from left, People, Confidence and Equality Manager Karen Duke-Glover, Mental Health Co-ordinator Simon Thornycroft, Welfare Officer Jon Nickson and Human Resources Quality and Performance Analyst Sharon Williamson, with Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill and Chief Constable Debbie Simpson (front)

sure and may have to deal with issues which could be upsetting and disturbing.

"We are working with Mind to launch an internal support network which will be specifically focussed on mental wellbeing within the force and will create the space for people to share their stories. We are also aiming to establish Mental Wellbeing Force Champions who will promote and maintain the support network, while acting as points of contact for those in need of support."

PCC Martyn Underhill added: "I am privileged to have already recorded a national video for Mind on this important subject, the key message to all staff in my office and all Dorset Police employees is - it's okay to ask for help.

"As an organisation, and as an employer, we will strive to look after you. We do need to remove the stigma that mental health in the workplace currently brings."

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Split views over merits of local groups results in lengthy debate for council

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● Guitars on the Beach – councillors felt they could not support the application for a one-off payment of £8,500 to build a stage and pay for sound engineers and technicians for this year's Guitars on the Beach event. Members said this did not meet their criteria, as Guitars on the Beach donated profits from its annual event to other charities. However, they encouraged organisers to apply for funding from the Tourism & Economic Development Committee.

● The Driftwood Project, based at Lyme Regis Baptist Church – councillors said the Baptist Church's plans to re-design and equip its small hall to provide a meeting place for young people was too similar to facilities already available at The Hub, which the council had historically supported, and therefore they could not grant the £33,500 requested.

● Uplyme & Lyme Regis Tennis Club – despite noting that the tennis court in Uplyme was used by Lyme Regis residents, councillors said they could not contribute towards the £26,500 requested to resurface it after flood damage, as no funding had been forthcoming from Uplyme Parish Council, East Devon District Council or Devon County Council.

● Lyme Regis Museum – councillors felt that the museum had already received significant funding for its planned Mary Anning Wing extension and, with further grant applications currently being considered by other bodies, it was likely to raise the full amount it needed for the project. They agreed not to contribute towards the £30,000 requested over two years.

While councillors unanimously spoke in support of some organisations, including Lyme Regis Gig Club, their views were split on others resulting in a lengthy debate.

Councillor Derek Hallett said he did not think any of the organisations coming under the umbrella of Lyme Regis Development Trust (LymeForward, The Hub and Fossil Festival) should receive any funding

until the trust "sorted out" the community room at St Michael's Business Centre – which had recently been re-arranged to include a number of small, private meeting rooms – and accepted that this belonged to the town council.

Speaking on the football club, Councillor Anita Williams said she was "struggling" with the idea of giving around third of the grants pot – £100,000 – to one organisation. However, Councillor Brian Larcombe questioned her argument, pointing out that she had supported the application from the Marine Theatre which was set to receive even more – £120,000.

"I don't have to justify myself to you," Councillor Williams replied.

Councillor Larcombe said that the grant for the football club was less than that spent by the council on the new skatepark, currently under construction in Charmouth Road, and he did not see why the two projects should be considered any different.

Self-sufficient

The council also spent much time discussing the possibility of reducing funding year-on-year for organisations which relied on the council to cover running costs, including the Marine Theatre, The Hub and LymeForward, to help them to become more "self sufficient".

Councillor Williams expressed concerns over proposals to decrease funding for "essential services", such as LymeForward and The Hub.

Speaking on The Hub specifically, she said: "I urge members to think of the effect of some of these things. Youth services, we know, are under a huge amount of pressure. Let's not dismantle things that people spent a huge amount of energy building up."

"We have to remember that these places cost money to run and there is a decrease in grant funding for youth services coming from West Dorset... If we dismantle these services they will be gone."

In response, Councillor Larcombe said that members had to be "realistic" and keep their feet on the



■ **COUNCILLOR Anita Williams spoke against cutting grants for organisations which provided 'essential services' but Councillor Brian Larcombe said members had to remain 'realistic'**

ground.

"Lyme is a big village in population terms. I don't know of any villages that would talk about spending this type of money, to exceed their precept," he said.

"They wouldn't have this discussion about concerns about these types of groups. They don't have the means, they couldn't even dream about this type of stuff. I think we have to be a bit more realistic, feet back on the ground and actually understand what it means and how lucky this town is to find this kind of money, but not be too quick to spend it."

"Councillor Williams has just said youth services are going to be cut; there is also going to be other services cut. Be careful what you spend because we could find austerity kicking through from county to district to Lyme. Let's continue to be realistic to what money we're committing to what size group and what those groups represent."

Councillor Williams replied: "Austerity is here."

Councillor Larcombe: "Not yet it isn't."

However, it was eventually agreed to give all successful organisations which had requested funding over four years the same amount of money each year.

Fundraiser for bowling club

LYME Regis Bowling Club held a successful coffee morning and ploughman's lunch on February 6th.

Despite the appalling weather a good number of members and friends attended and enjoyed a fine lunch provided by the lady members of the club, with a total profit of £246 to be divided between the club's defibrillator fund and the ladies coach transport for the 2016 away league fixtures.

The next event at the club will be an afternoon cream tea to be held in the clubhouse on Monmouth Beach on the March 19th. This is open to all, members and non-members, with further details to be announced on posters in due course.



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Rotary Lunch raises £1,000 for Send a Cow



TUCKING IN: The Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Owen Lovell, and Mayoress Christine Lovell were among guests at the lunch, pictured above with Rotary president John Bartlett and a representative from Send a Cow. Below, Rotary members at the Alexandra Hotel



Photos by Francesca Evans

MORE than 100 people attended the annual soup and ploughman's lunch organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis on Monday.

Just over £1,000 was raised at the event in no small way due to the generosity of the Alexandra Hotel, which hosted the event and donated the soup, ploughman's lunch and the waiting staff's time.

With an extra £1,000 grant being given by the Rotary International Foundation Charity, a total of £2,000 will now be sent to the Send A Cow charity to continue its work with African farmers helping them to become more self-sufficient.

With the cow being a central part of the lunch a "selfie cow" competition was run among members of the club. The idea of the competition was to purchase a small plastic cow and photograph it in various poses, for instance either a selfie, most amusing photo or furthest travelled cow.

Several members' efforts were on display and were judged by guests at the lunch, the winner being Ian Marshall with his picture of his cow entitled "Sunset Over Drinks".

This competition will be launched nationally online by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis in the next couple of months.

Artists asked to donate to Marine's mystery sale

FOLLOWING recent grants from Coastal Revival Fund, Lyme Regis Town Council and West Dorset District Council, the Marine Theatre is now putting out a call to all artists in the region to help it raise further monies for vital building repairs by donating a work of art to its Mystery Masterpiece Art Sale, to be held in the theatre on Monday, April 4th.

The sale is being billed a "mystery" because the artwork, priced at an affordable £40 each, will be exhibited with the name of the artist hidden and only revealed after the picture is sold.

The event will be a festive day and evening in the theatre, with refreshments and live music. It is timed to coincide with the Easter break in order to attract holidaymakers as well as local residents eager to purchase an original piece of art and to support the unique theatre.

Artists should submit unframed work of 10 x 8" on card or water-colour paper, sheets of which can be provided to them, thanks to a donation by St Cuthbert's Mill. The deadline for entries is March 22nd.

If you would like to join the growing number of professional and



amateur artists showing their solidarity with the Marine Theatre by taking part in this initiative and want to receive further details, send your name and address to julescritchinson@gmail.com or call 01297 443714.

Details about the Marine Theatre programme can be found at www.marinetheatre.com

Date set for Uplyme Village Fete

THE date for this year's Uplyme Village Fete has been set for Saturday, June 11th.

The popular annual event, to be held on the King George V playing field in Uplyme, will include a variety of stalls, entertainment and refreshments with further details to be announced in the coming months.

Organisers are now looking for volunteers to help run the event, sponsors and stallholders. Anyone interested should contact Jon Matthews on 07818 202 737 or email jonmichmatt@sky.com

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Former affordable housing plans come back to the fore

PLANS for an affordable housing development in Lyme Regis, which was first suggested in 2008 before taking a back seat, were put to the public again last week.

The plans for 13 dwellings on land previously earmarked for industrial use near Lyme Regis Medical Centre, off Uplyme Road, were first suggested by housing association Raglan in 2008 but were never taken forward.

Raglan has since merged with Jephson Housing Association to create a larger group called Stonewater, which has been working with Yeovil-based architects Boon Brown, who also worked on the original scheme, to bring it back to life.

A public consultation event, organised by LymeForward to allow interested residents the chance to view the proposed scheme, was held at Lyme Regis Guildhall last Wednesday.

Clive Brown, director of Boon Brown, introduced the scheme saying it previously "fell by the wayside for a variety of reasons", including the economic recession. He said the scheme provided the opportunity to utilise a site which had been left vacant for some time while creating much-needed

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affordable housing in the town.

The proposed development is for 13 dwellings - nine flats which would be a mixture of one and two bedrooms, and four three-bedroom houses. The flats and houses would be built in two separate, three-storey blocks, some with small balconies, and would all be available for affordable rent.

When questioned by the public on what "affordable rent" meant, Mr Brown said this was rent at a discount from the market value and was likely to be at least 10 per cent lower in this case.

Several residents from Haye Close, which backs onto the site, attended the meeting and expressed concerns that the new development would overlook their existing properties, especially as the new flats and houses were proposed to be three stories.

Following the public consultation, town councillors were given a briefing on the proposed scheme.



■ **CHILDREN** at St Michael's Primary School in Lyme Regis celebrated a French Day last week. The children dressed in red, white and blue and took part in special activities, including colouring French flags, a feast of authentic French food and rounds of the French game pétanque, which is similar to boules. As children of all ages at St Michael's take part in regular French lessons, the day also provided to opportunity for them to practise their language skills. Pupils are pictured above with some of their French food.

Belmont opens doors to public

BELMONT House in Lyme Regis will be open to the visiting public for free from 10am to 4pm over the weekend on Saturday, February 13th and Sunday 14th.

The Landmark Trust opened the newly-restored house on Pound Street, a grade II* listed eighteenth-century seaside villa, in September last year after eight years of meticulous research and two years of work on site.

Owned for nearly 40 years by pioneering businesswoman Eleanor Coade (1732-1821), whose own Coade stone adorns the exterior and interior, Belmont has also been home to keen astronomer Dr Richard Bangay (1834-1933) and au-

thor John Fowles (1926-2005), who wrote "The French Lieutenant's Woman".

It is a fine surviving example of the type of seaside villa that emerged during the second half of the eighteenth century, a time of social and cultural change when sea bathing, sea views and informal homes away from cities grew in popularity.

During the open days, visitors are welcome to look around the restored house and garden and visit the permanent exhibition about the house's former owners in the adjacent former stables.

For information visit the website: <http://bit.ly/1T35buS>

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Bespoke Valentine cupcakes will be available at an introductory price of 4 for £10 (usually £12).

They will, of course still make bespoke cakes to order as well as offering new Sugarcraft classes and cupcake parties for brides-to-be and simple cupcake parties catered for children.

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Local Sherlock Holmes author releases his fifteenth book

POPULAR Lyme Regis author David Ruffle sees the publication of the fifteenth book to bear his name on February 16th.

The latest in his Sherlock Holmes series, "Holmes and Watson: An Evening in Baker Street" is a collection in three parts. The predominant part is set in the sitting-room of 221b Baker Street and consists of a conversation between Holmes and Watson on the eve of Holmes' retirement with constant interruptions by occasional visitors and by Mrs Hudson.

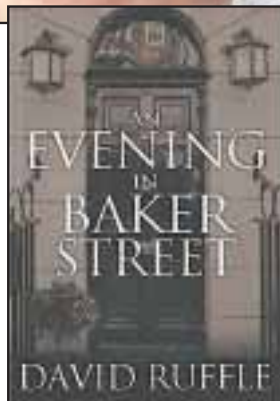
Also in the volume are short pieces set on Loch Ness and a tale set in Borley Rectory, once thought of as "the most haunted house in England".

In a busy year for David (pictured), the next publication will be "The Gondolier and the Russian Countess", which may sound like a Mills and Boon romance but is another Holmes tale set in Venice involving amorous women, Ukranian bruisers and a Tintoretto or two!

David also has two stories being published in American collections this year; one features Holmes in retirement delving into a very early case in Surrey, and the other takes place in Florence and revolves around the theft of a Botticelli painting from the Uffizi gallery.

David's books have been translated into Russian and Italian with the expectation of more translations to come.

"Holmes and Watson: An Evening in Baker Street" is published by MX Publishing of London and will be available locally at Serendip in Broad Street and from all book-selling websites both in print and eBook forms.



If you have a story for Lyme Regis, call Francesca on 01297 446154 or email francesca@pemedial.co.uk

Village hall to become accessible for all thanks to Big Lottery Fund grant

THANKS to a generous grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, work began in Charmouth Village Hall last week to create a new disabled toilet.

This "Access For All" project will mean equal opportunities for wheelchair users, people with ambulant disability and sight impairment in particular, but with baby changing facilities also being installed, young families will be able to enjoy all that Charmouth Village Hall has to offer without being inconvenienced.

Hall chairman David Gillings said: "We were aware that many people were unable to take part in hall activities due to the lack of suitable toilet facilities, but now no one need be excluded."

The project was planned after the committee commissioned an Access Audit of the building in 2013, which highlighted areas where the hall could be made more user-friendly and ensure it was accessible to all abilities.

As well as the new toilet facilities, there will also be improved signage and colour/tonal contrasting to improve wayfinding for those with impaired vision or learning difficulties, and a designated accessible parking space outside.

But it's not just Charmouth residents who will benefit from the new-look hall, as the Riverside Day Centre in Bridport has said it is also keen to use the facilities once they are accessible for all.

Centre manager Alison Goddard said: "We really like to take our members out into surrounding areas from time to time to enjoy different sights and activities, but the venue must meet the access needs of our elderly members."

"Village halls are ideal and Charmouth is inviting



■ GRATEFUL: Charmouth Village Hall Committee celebrate receiving their grant from the Big Lottery Fund as work begins inside

as it is right in the heart of the Jurassic Coast. It is wonderful news for us and we are already planning our first visit in the spring."

Mr Gillings added: "We are so lucky to have the Big Lottery Fund; projects like ours could not go ahead without its financial assistance. It's brilliant and we can't thank them enough."

The hall committee is now planning a gala opening of the new toilet block later in the year.

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TV chiefs in talks with Hollywood for 'French Lieutenant's Woman' remake

The BBC is in talks with a major Hollywood studio for a hotly-updated remake of a classic period drama, originally set in Lyme Regis, using a pin-up cast.

Following the success of BBC1's raunchy remake of "War And Peace", TV chiefs are looking to give the same treatment to a new version of local author John Fowles' novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman", which was adapted for the big screen in 1981 by Harold Pinter. Although Robert Redford and Fowles' choice of Helen Mirren were considered for the lead roles in the original "The French Lieutenant's Woman", it was Jeremy Irons and Meryl Streep who won the parts in the 19th century love story, which was filmed in Lyme Regis, where Streep famously stood on the historic Cobb staring longingly out to sea as she pined for the return of her French lover.

Now TV executives are keen to cash in on the huge following for hunky Aidan Turner, the star of the new "Poldark" series, with hopes that he will take Irons' part as the gentleman palaeontologist

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Charles Smithson.

In the Victorian story, Charles falls in love with the troubled Sarah Woodruff, an enigmatic outcast abandoned by her French officer, whom he meets while visiting his bride-to-be, Ernestina, in Lyme Regis. The fossil-hunter and French officer's spurned lover meet secretly on the grassy cliffs overlooking the town and fall into a passionate affair.

Producers are said to have their eye on "Games Of Thrones" star Natalie Dormer - who spiced up "The Tudors" in the role of Anne Boleyn - as Ernestina, and "Downton Abbey", "War And Peace" and "Cinderella" star Lily James recreating Streep's role as the tragic heroine.

"The current plan is to remake 'The French Lieutenant's Woman' as a four or five-hour TV series in a co-production between the BBC and a major Hollywood

studio," said an insider.

"But the new version would be much hotter than the original movie, which didn't have many love scenes. The remake would be more on the lines of the new 'War And Peace' which is proving to be a big hit with viewers.

"A combination of Aidan, Lily and Natalie would set the tragic love triangle on fire, although there are bound to be other top actresses who would fight for the part. One blockbuster name who has also been mentioned for the title role is Nicole Kidman, she could make an Oscar-winning performance of the part."

However, there could be obstacles to the plan. When the original movie was made many of the old shops and buildings in Lyme Regis were effortlessly transformed back in time to Victorian days, but that may not be so easy for set designers now if film crews were to return to Lyme, as a number of the old shops have been replaced with high street chains.

Coastal Community Team looking for stakeholders to help it carry out its future vision for the local area

LYME Regis, Uplyme and Charmouth Coastal Community Team (CCT) is looking for individuals or groups keen to act as stakeholders of the group, which is creating a future vision for the area.

The CCT was established in September 2015 with funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). As a Coastal Community Team, the businesses, councils and communities of Uplyme, Charmouth and Lyme Regis have collaborated to create a future vision for our area, described as "the beginning of an exciting journey that will re-energise our coastline".

The CCT has written and published its own economic plan for the area, identified and funded tactical projects and has already secured almost £60,000 in government funding for facilities in the area, including the Marine Theatre, Hub youth club, Town Mill and Charmouth Coastwatch.

The CCT now has a strategic plan that identifies a number of projects that could, if funded, make a significant impact to the prosperity and wellbeing of the area over the next five to 20 years.

The DCLG is expecting that local authorities and stakeholders will allocate funds to ensure that the CCTs across the country are

co-ordinated in the future to allow them to develop their plans and bid for considerable funds from both the Coastal Communities Fund, which has £90million available, and other external funders.

Whilst the local CCT already has pledges of support and money from key organisations, including local councils, businesses and attractions, it is now seeking additional individuals and groups to act as stakeholders, who are willing to contribute towards the management and/or the overheads of running the CCT to ensure its future for the benefit of our area.

The CCT's full proposal is available at www.lymeforward.co.uk and anyone interested in finding out more, or supporting the CCT can contact Adrian Ragbourn on 01297 444387 or email adrian@lrdt.co.uk



More tales
from under
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■ **LOCAL historian and raconteur Ken Gollop** will be giving his annual "Under Shady Tree" talk on Sunday, February 28th at 2.30pm in the Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis.

Admission will be £3 with tea and biscuits provided, along with a raffle. The proceeds will go towards the Lyme Regis Museum.

Ken's popular talks have covered a range of topics in local history over the year and time he will mostly be concentrating on Broad Street.

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Symondsbury Kitchen

Symondsbury Kitchen is now under new management. Jean Pierre Nzante is bringing a fresh new vibe to the café with it being opened more in the evenings.

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Although it is now under new management the original ethos of the café remains which is to serve deliciously home cooked food made by using locally sourced meat, fish and produce including vegetables that are grown in the Symondsbury Estate garden all year round.

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Craig Ogden returns to Dorchester Arts

Valentine's Special – Craig Ogden – Classical Music – Spring 2016

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Australian born guitarist Craig Ogden is one of the UK's most recorded guitarists known by his No. 1 albums for Classic FM as well as his critically acclaimed recordings of the core guitar repertoire. Craig's Classic FM albums *The Guitarist* and *Summertime* both shot straight to No.1 in the UK classical chart in summer 2010 and 2011 respectively, followed by the release of *Christmas Time* in November 2013. Both *'Summer Guitar'* which was released in June 2014 and Craig's latest CD *'Craig Ogden and Friends'* released in June 2015 went straight to No. 1 in the classical chart.

Craig Ogden has performed concertos with all of the main UK orchestras plus many abroad in countries including Latvia, Russia, South Africa, Sweden and Australia. In recent seasons he has performed with the Philharmonia Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra, Hallé Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the WDR Rundfunk Orchestra in Cologne and the Aalborg Symphony Orchestra (Denmark).

Craig Ogden regularly appears as soloist and chamber musician at the major London venues and collaborates with many of the UK's top artists and ensembles, and has also presented on BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio Ulster and on ABC Classic FM (Australia).

Having performed to much acclaim at the Corn Exchange last year, Dorchester Arts is excited to welcome Craig to the county town with this specially selected programme once again. This concert marks the second in Dorchester Arts classical music offering this spring. Opus Anglicanum, the five piece male chorale ensemble, with narrator Zeb Soanes of BBC Radio 4 fame will follow with a Gregorian Chant concert and workshop on Sunday 6 March at Holy Trinity Church (workshop to be held in Dorchester Town Hall). Described by The Times as a 'visionary touring company', Swansea City Opera will also return to Dorchester on Friday 1 April with a History of Opera (Abridged!) offering an informative light-hearted insight into the history of opera spanning 400 years. The classical music spring season closes with concert pianist John Bryden and world-renowned viola player Matthew Souter who will perform a range of works by Telemann, Schubert, Vaughn Williams and Bruch on Saturday 9 April at the Dorset County Museum.

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Monmouth Beach meetings to be held in public

COUNCIL SCRAPS PLANS FOR PRIVATE WORKING PARTY AFTER CONCERNS OVER FUTURE OF LOCAL CLUBS

TOWN councillors will not discuss the future of Monmouth Beach in Lyme Regis behind closed doors, after one member said secret meetings were “not the nature of democracy”.

The council previously proposed to set up a private working group to discuss the future of its assets at Monmouth Beach after the town clerk presented a report which showed how much money the council currently made from leasing out sections of land to organisations such as the bowl-

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ing club and power boat club, and how much it could make if it converted these areas into more car parking or chalet sites.

The council assured members of the public it was just looking at all its options and had made no final decisions, but the report sparked concerns that leases for four clubs at Monmouth Beach would not be renewed long-term.

Speaking at last week's meeting, Councillor Derek Hallett asked for reassurance for the clubs.

“I have had numerous people ask me about Monmouth Beach; is the bowling club going, is the sailing club going, is the gig club going? They are all concerned and I think it's about time we put them all out of their misery,” he said.

Councillor Hallett proposed that the council “leave all four clubs alone so they can get on with their business”, adding that they were “worried sick they're going to be thrown out”. However, his proposal did not receive a seconder.

The Mayor, Councillor Owen Lovell, said: “There has never been any intention to stop them getting on with their business. I think it would be better if a decision was made as soon as possible, as I have said before, in the round of committee meetings without taking away anything from discussions.

“I think we should look at the whole picture down there not just three or four parts of it.”

Councillor Brian Larcombe said that the town clerk's report on Monmouth Beach was first requested a long time ago, by the previous council, and he had not heard “any inclination” that the bowling club was actually at risk.

But Councillor Anita Williams confirmed there had been “a lot of concern” from clubs based at Monmouth Beach.

She added: “I ask that any working group on this is open to the public. There's a huge amount of disquiet about the working groups operating, we are talking about things that matter.

“I know members find it easier to discuss things in secret; sadly, that is not the nature of democracy. I ask that we make this working group open.”

Councillors agreed to make their working group meetings on Monmouth Beach open to the public. The mayor also confirmed that the council would be speaking to all groups based at Monmouth Beach before making any decisions on the future of the area.

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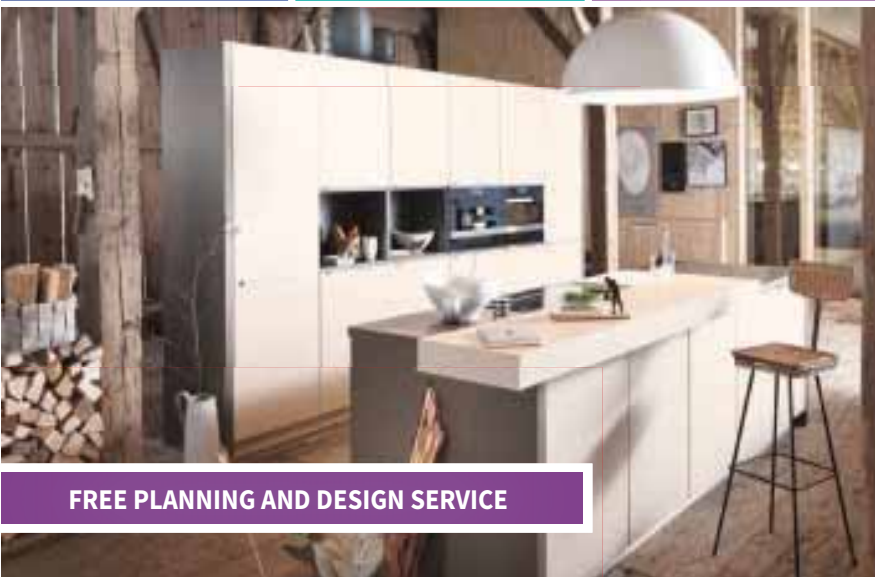
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Exhibition celebrates South West's role in re-invigorating printmaking

IN recent years the South West has played a key role in promoting and re-invigorating the practice of fine art printmaking, and now it is the turn of the Malthouse Gallery at the Town Mill in Lyme Regis to host Printmaking 2016, an open exhibition showcasing the most recent work by professional and amateur printmakers from the region.

The exhibition will be open daily from February 13th to March 6th, and this new event for Lyme Regis also includes a printmaking workshop.

Printmaking is an expensive art form due largely to the high cost of equipment. Set up in 1997 to encourage printmaking and provide access to presses and technical support, the Double Elephant Print Workshop in Exeter was instrumental in inspiring members of Morcombelake Art Group to develop this side of their work. After a few of them took a Double Elephant course, the group successfully applied to the National Lottery for a grant to buy an etching press, and this very press will be used in a printmaking workshop run by Morcombelake regular Sue Warren.

The workshop takes place on Saturday, February 20th from 10am to 3pm in the upstairs community room of the Town Mill, and will focus on a type of dry point etching in which an image is incised into a Perspex plate with a needle.



All materials will be provided; the cost is £25 each (with a maximum of eight participants), and those interested can book their place and find out what to bring by contacting Sue on 01297 489404 or email suew@rren.org.uk.

For further information visit the website www.townmillarts.co.uk

■ THE local artists who belong to Lyme Regis' Town Mill Arts are delighted to announce that their second exhibition of the year will be on the theme of “Coastline”.

There will be much to admire and take home with you in this show of 2D and 3D artwork that celebrates coastal landscapes and our own World Heritage coast.

The show runs at the Town Mill's Courtyard Gallery from Friday, February 12th open daily from 10.30am to 4.30pm. For more details, visit www.townmillarts.co.uk

Talk on herbs for horticultural society

UPLYME & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society held a successful social evening recently, with a seed swap, quiz and bring and share supper.

More than 50 members came along and all appeared to enjoy the evening. Schedules for the society's annual Summer Show, to be held on July 16th, were distributed and are now in Uplyme Stores, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis and Raymonds Hill Post Office and on the society's website at ulrhs.wordpress.com.

The society's February talk is on Wednesday 24th at 7.30pm in Uplyme Village Hall, and the

speaker will be Becky Groves of Little Groves Nursery in Beaminster. She will be talking about herbs and how you can add an extra level to your garden by using these aromatic plants. There will be plants for sale at the end.

Tea and biscuits will be available as usual. Entrance for members is free, and for visitors is £3.

Looking ahead, the society's guest speaker on March 23rd will be Robert Cook of the Farming Advice Service, who will be talking about “Soft Fruit, Pests and Diseases” based on his long experience in the field.

A look behind the headlines

ON the Jurassic Coast we're well placed to appreciate how the earth sciences (like all science) reveal nature's underlying patterns and connections.

Particular events draw immediate attention; but (unless it's a major meteor strike) individual happenings are subsumed in the slowly-developing scheme of things.

This applies, on a different scale, to how societies govern themselves to stave off the mutually-destructive tendencies in human nature, currently displayed around the world. Even in the UK's still relatively stable and harmonious corner, stepping back from daily headlines suggests some worrying patterns in the way government now works.

Take, for example, the claim that power is being returned to local government. Attractive theory, big headlines: Cornish devolution, 'Northern Powerhouse', 'city regions'... but in practice?

Last November, this column examined our Children's Centre's contribution to, among other things, parents' skills in bringing up children, and explained its vulnerability to government cuts. Last month, the Prime Minister proclaimed the importance of parenting skills and stable family life. Left hand and right hand?

Recently, six letters to a local paper highlighted the oddity of West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin coming to the defence of local services – such as libraries, buses, children's and social services – while as government policy guru being complicit, at least, in cutting local government funding for those same services. It's an echo of David Cameron's protest when libraries and children's centres were being closed in his Oxfordshire con-

ANOTHER VIEW...

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stituency. In his 1988 book *Privatising the World*, Oliver Letwin said of local bus provision that of course it could be privately run: uneconomic routes would be subsidised by local authorities. A pity he didn't anticipate a government with (another?) Oliver Letwin as policy chief making it impossible for local authorities to do just that. Let them suffer the blame instead.

A similar contradiction is the government mantra that local authorities and public services like the NHS must find 'efficiency savings'. We can all become more efficient, though after years of such advice its recipients won't have much room left. But what about government 'efficiency'? Some samples. £100million estimated by the Taxpayers' Alliance as being wasted on failed government IT contracts in 2013/2014. £43million given to Kids Company, at the expense of other children's charities, with little financial enquiry, plenty of private influence with senior ministers, and £3million (reportedly Oliver Letwin again) given the day before bankruptcy was declared. Six virtually new £1billion-a-piece destroyers needing major engine refits because they keep breaking down... isn't it a bit rich for such a wasteful government to lecture others on 'efficiency savings'?

The PM supported his enthusiasm for parenting with £70million. Charities and local authorities may

'bid' for this. Here's another pattern. We live in a bidding culture: more and more essential services, not just icing on the cake, are subject to bidding. This reprehensible policy takes capacity away from local government and gives power to the bureaucrats who assess bids, declare winners and losers, set conditions and control the money. If you live in an area that loses, do you find that equitable? The system creates dependency and servitude, for money is power. It's all of a piece with the Whitehall attack on local authorities, by governments of all colours, begun in the 1980s with council house sales, continued remorselessly on many fronts since then. Local 'authority'? "No, thanks" says Whitehall.

Government money is ours

Two recent examples of the impulse to dismantle alternative democratic power and stifle criticism are telling. Planned legislation will allow government to block ethical investment decisions (over their pension funds, for example) made by elected local authorities – who might decide not to invest in, let's say, the arms industry. And charities are being told not to use government money to lobby for or criticise government policies. But 'government money' isn't the government's: it's ours, including the 76 per cent of the electorate who chose not to vote or who did not vote for the Conservative Party. With so many charities desperately plugging public service gaps created by government cutbacks (25 per cent in social care since 2010, for instance) such bullying is despicable.

Hypocrisy, waste and paranoia: three connected patterns. Underlying them is a fourth – absence of strategic thought. Try listing threats to the nation's safety, protecting which is said to be the top priority of government. Cyber warfare is the future? No, it's

the present. In 2007 Russia brought Estonia's financial services to a halt, blocked its government telephone services, and gridlocked its capital city: just a warning shot. Alternatively, try social disruption: Russian support for the Syrian government sends thousands more refugees to Turkey and the EU, creating serious political and communal fall out. 'Terror' threats are now global. Will renewing Trident protect against any of these – even without the likelihood that underwater drones will make the subs visible to an enemy? Couldn't £100billion be used more intelligently to tackle real threats?

Nor is public safety at risk only from nations, rogue states or terrorism. International arms traders, drug runners, people smugglers all have great economic power; even the contempt shown for national economies by legitimate multinationals, like Google and its ilk, reduces our resources while exploiting our infrastructure. Or what about climate change and flood risks? Or serious analysts estimating that 35 per cent of all UK jobs will be lost to robotics and artificial intelligence over the next 20 years, with huge implications for our 'social contract' and the taxation system underpinning it? The World Economic Forum, no less, has identified a worldwide pattern of growing social protest as new technologies transfer money and power to tiny business and political élites. Where is our national strategy for adapting to such risks? Perhaps it's HS2?

Inability to think ahead strategically; power kept in the hands of a cosy exclusive group; closed-door deals; the public's money used to create muzzled dependency; incompetence and waste; 'do as I say but not as I do': all unappealing and dangerous patterns. We're lucky that they're not replicated in Lyme's town government, don't you think?



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Glorious Gardens

WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN...

By Hannah Stephenson, Press Association



▲ Fresh potatoes
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If you're already 'chitting' your seed potatoes and waiting for those valuable shoots to appear on the tubers before planting out, be aware that this process may be the least of your worries.

While potatoes are generally pretty easy veg to grow given the right soil and situation, some gardeners end up with rotten, foetid tubers which will need disposing of as soon as they are out of the ground.

The most common problem is potato blight, a disease which causes brown or black patches to appear on young leaves from June onwards. The disease spreads rapidly to stems and finally the plant collapses. Spores are washed down to the tubers, resulting in a reddish brown rot and leaving the potatoes a soggy mass.

If you spot it early enough, you can remove infected leaves straight away to stop it spreading and 'earth up' or mulch rows with a thick layer of straw or hay. Don't harvest the crop for at least three weeks after removing the diseased foliage to allow time for the potato skins to thicken up and spores on the surface to die.

Don't leave blighted tubers in the ground. They will all need digging up as otherwise the spores will spread again, affecting subsequent crops.

Blight usually hits crops in warm, humid conditions from mid-summer onwards. It can be prevented by spraying with a copper-based fungicide, Bordeaux mixture, before symptoms first appear and repeating the treatment every two weeks. But if blight has already appeared, no amount of fungicide will save your crop.

To reduce the risk of blight, practise crop rotation - don't grow potatoes on the same piece of land more than once every four years - and use deep earthing up to protect the tubers. Grow early potatoes, which are lifted before blight appears, or those which show some blight resistance, including 'Sarpio Mira', 'Colleen' and 'Cosmos'. Make sure you always buy certified seed potatoes and don't save your own tubers.

Other potato problems include blackleg, a bacterial disease that causes the leaves to wilt and the stems to blacken. This usually occurs early in the season and in dry weather. You'll need to destroy affected plants.

Slugs can be a major pain in heavy and wet soil, and there's not a lot you can do about them unless you resort to slug pellets or other common slug deterrents. Early potato varieties may be less affected and if you lift your maincrops early you may be able to enjoy them before the slugs do.

The first sign of eelworms, tiny worm-like creatures which burrow into the roots of potatoes, is when plants growing close to each other start dying from the base upwards and the leaves yellow. Tiny reddish brown cysts grow out from the roots, which are the females and full of eggs. Affected plants will soon die.

Scab is another common disease which is common in light soils, caused by a fungus, but although the skins may be damaged, the affected potatoes can be eaten after peeling. To help prevent it, add plenty of organic matter to the soil before planting and water regularly during a long, hot summer.

Find out if there's a Potato Day near you - many events are publicised online - organised by your local garden club or society, offering growers an ever-expanding choice, advice on dealing with pests and diseases and the chance to talk potatoes with fellow enthusi-



▲ A rotten, mouldy potato on a field
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asts. Events nationwide run through to March.

BEST OF THE BUNCH - Snowdrop (Galanthus)

It's the pint-sized dazzler of late winter, marked by white carpet displays across the country and at various National Trust properties, parks and gardens. If you have your own woodland area and you want a naturalised effect, you'll have to plant a huge number of bulbs. Perhaps the best approach is to build your snowdrop colony gradually, planting more clumps each year. Plant them in early autumn in groups of 10 or more, spacing them 4cm apart and 6-7cm deep. They should reach their potential after a couple of years. They prefer semi shade and ideally a moist soil rich in organic matter. Look out for Galanthus 'S. Arnott', which has large, fragrant flowers, and G. 'Atkinsii', a tall variety on long stems.



▲ Snowdrops in the garden
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- Prune winter-flowering jasmine once the flowers have gone over completely
- Shorten sideshoots from the main wisteria framework to encourage flower buds
- Water pot plants growing at the base of your house walls as they

can often be sheltered from rain by the overhang of the house eaves and may dry out

- When you have dug over an area in winter, cover the ground with a large sheet of polythene, anchored at the edges with bricks, to keep off the worst of the winter weather and suppress weeds
- Buy onion sets and store them in a dry place, ready for planting in March
- Watch out for moles, which start to become more active now because of mating and nest-building. If you can't stand the thought of getting rid of them with traditional mole traps, and old-fashioned deterrents such as mothballs down the holes don't work, make the most of the perfectly sifted topsoil they leave on the surface.

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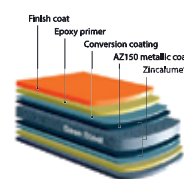
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Village pub makes ultimate comeback and is named the best in West Dorset

A LOCAL country pub has had a remarkable revival and been named the best in West Dorset as it came up top as the Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) Pub of the Year.

The Bottle Inn at Marshwood was recognised last Saturday, when it was chosen as Pub of the Year for the second time, and the award was presented to landlords Nigel and Chrissy Blake at the annual Beerex Festival in Dorchester.

Around four years ago, The Bottle Inn, which is more than 400 years old, was empty and partially derelict and looked as though it would remain permanently closed.

It first closed in 2008 when the long-standing landlord Shane Pym, who established the famous World Nettle Eating Championships which takes place at the Bottle every summer, decided to give it up after revenues dwindled and urgent expensive repair work arose. Two further attempts to revive the pub failed.

Mr and Mrs Blake sold a property in Weymouth and invested much of their money into saving The Bottle Inn.

Mr Blake said: "From the start we have set out to support small local breweries and this has paid off.

"Every weekend we aim to have at least seven different real ales on sale and we now regularly attract CAMRA members from many parts of Dorset, Devon and Cornwall.

"We first won the title of West Dorset's pub of the year in 2014 and we are gobsmacked to have been chosen again."

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■ **COMEBACK:** The Bottle Inn at Marshwood has been named CAMRA's West Dorset Pub of the Year for the second time

The couple want to secure their long-term future at The Bottle Inn but they have not yet managed to agree with the owners, who live in Australia, for a long-term lease.

Worries that The Bottle Inn could close again has led to 130 of the pub's regulars forming the Supporters Association of The Bottle Inn.

The association has managed to get agreement from West Dorset District Council for the building to be registered as an asset of community value and some of its members are working with Mr and Mrs Blake to try and buy the pub in order for its future to be guaranteed.

Concerts in the West continue at Hub

CONCERTS in the West will continue to host classical music concerts at The Hub youth club in Lyme Regis this year.

The first concert of the year will be performed by Nicholas McCarthy on Saturday, February 20th.

Nicholas is becoming widely known as a very successful disabled artist and has performed classical piano throughout the UK and abroad.

Having been born with no right hand and only started playing the piano aged 14, he is very proud to have played at the Paralympic Games closing ceremony and supports other young disabled artists.

Nicholas will be giving a free workshop for young people at The Hub between 4pm to 5pm before his concert. As a teenager seeking his first place at a school for young pianists, he was refused an audition and told he would never suc-

ceed.

His concert starts at 7.30pm and the programme will include works by Gershwin, Richard Strauss and Chopin.

The aim of Concerts in the West is to bring top quality, young musicians to the West Country to allow them to practise repertoire and to create an opportunity for people in this region to experience recitals of London quality. A full list of concerts, including two afternoon performances at the Marine Theatre can be found at www.concertsinthewest.org

Tickets can be purchased at Serendip bookshop in Broad Street or on the door at The Hub and are £15 (including interval drinks). If you are new to the series the price is £7.50. Tickets for children age 12 and under are free and for students cost £5.

Councils pay out almost £90,000 in compensation

COMPENSATION claims have cost Dorset councils almost £90,000 – according to figures obtained by the Taxpayers' Alliance.

The biggest pay out locally was against West Dorset District Council and amounted to £49,588 for an accident involving a member of the public and a refuse lorry.

Other payments have included £3,500 to a County Council staff member who fell over a bench and injured themselves and £1,300 against Weymouth and Portland Borough Council for a trip injury caused by a faulty pavement.

Dorset County Council's total claims bill, of £6,662 in 2013/14 and £11,204 the following

year were amongst the lowest in the country. Most were for vehicles damaged by pot holes in the road.

The majority of the claims were not directly funded from council budgets, but were met through insurance.

Chief executive of the Taxpayers' Alliance, Jonathan Isaby, said that most of the claims were justified, but added: "In many cases local authorities and their staff will be failing to live up to the standards required of them by law, or paying out on frivolous claims too easily. We must root out those who are playing the system."

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Japanese Knotweed

The legal consequences

As solicitors, Japanese Knotweed has moved from being a warning in the legal press to an issue in day to day practice. It is a non-native invasive plant with incredibly strong root systems (the roots can extend to a depth of three meters and up to seven meters laterally). It has distinctive red stems and flat green leaves. It lies dormant in winter months but grows aggressively from April to October. Recent European Legislation (European Invasive Alien Species Regulation 2014) obliges member states to control and manage invasive alien species, of which Japanese Knotweed is one.



The fundamental problem is that this plant can cause physical damage to buildings and land, is expensive and time-consuming to eradicate, damage bio diversity and result in criminal and civil liabilities for owners and occupiers of property.

The legal implications of Japanese Knotweed are real. Local authorities have the power under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to require land owners to remedy the condition of land - failure to comply can result in prosecution, a fine and the costs of undertaking the necessary works. In addition, Local Authorities and the Police can potentially serve community protection notices under the Under-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 for failure to keep Japanese Knotweed under control. It is notable that it is also likely to be classed as a controlled waste during the removal process creating a potential liability under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Over and above the potential liabilities listed above, an owner or occupier should not allow Japanese Knotweed to spread onto neighbouring land, because the owner of the neighbouring land may be able to take common law private nuisance proceedings for compensation for the loss and enjoyment, the costs of removal and a continuing injunction against reinfestation. More and more clients are raising concerns about Japanese Knotweed, both with regards to their own property, but also worried about its presence on neighbouring property. If you have Japanese Knotweed on your land, you need to act fast to prevent it spreading onto neighbouring property and exposing you to a potential claim in nuisance or

action by the Local Authority or Police. If your property neighbours another plot with Japanese Knotweed, you may be able to take action to force the owner to deal with it and thereby limit the risk to you.

The potential implications for the value of a property affected by Japanese Knotweed are significant as it can affect the ability to sell the property or obtain a mortgage. Some lenders will not lend against a property affected and others place restrictions on the mortgage. Buildings insurance policies generally do not cover damage and problems caused by Japanese Knotweed.

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Dorset foodies sought to take part in new Channel 4 series

BUDDING chefs and food fanatics are being sought in Dorset to take part in a brand new Channel 4 series.

The broadcaster is set to uncover Britain's most talented home cooks, having commissioned "My Kitchen Rules UK" from 7Wonder Productions, in a nationwide search to find the best amateur cooking enthusiast in the UK, with a big emphasis on regional pride and local produce.

In the competitive elimination show, cooking duos will create pop-up restaurants in their homes for the judges and rival contestants to savour.

Executive producer Eve Kay said: "Pop-up restaurants are the latest addition to the UK's ongoing food revo-

lution and a brilliant way for amateur chefs to show off their cooking skills and passion for food.

"An entertaining national competition pitching different regions against each other will bring out the best in British food and should discover exciting new food talent."

Producers are looking for applicants in the Dorset area to proudly represent the region and be in the running for the £10,000 prize.

The series will be hosted by well-known Welsh presenter Steve Jones and is based on Australia's "My Kitchen Rules".

Mr Jones said: "This show is about real people making really great food, showcasing the very best of regional produce and pride in local dishes.

"Britain has got such a rich and diverse food heritage and I can't wait to get my teeth into it."

The 30-part series has been commissioned by Syeda Irtizaali, commissioning editor of entertainment at Channel 4 and is set to air later this year.

On the commission, Syeda Irtizaali said: "We are delighted to be bringing our own distinct version of this highly successful Australian series to Channel Four with the brilliant Steve Jones at the helm, alongside top chef names.

"My Kitchen Rules UK will inject real glamour, entertainment and competitive edge into the world of Britain's greatest home chefs as we ask, could you take the pressure of transforming your home into a five star restaurant for the night?"

Still life demonstration at art society

CONTRASTING Lyme Regis Art Society's recent demonstrations of vigorous painting with palette knives and big brushes, Karl Taylor's "Still Life with Acrylics" was a study of careful meticulous preparation and brush work.

Born in Cornwall in 1963, Karl graduated from art college with a first class degree. He received an award for outstanding achievement in wildlife illustration and moved to Bristol to become a full-time artist, becoming the first wildlife artist to exhibit at the Bristol Museum & Art Gallery in 1992, and has participated three times at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum's "Birds in Art" exhibitions in Wisconsin, USA.

Karl has received numerous awards for his work, including the silver medal for excellence from the Wildlife Art Society and the Nature in Art award from *The Artist* magazine, and is well-known for exquisite bird paintings.

He prefers a long portrait orientation for his work, feeling that this draws the eye up to the subject matter and, working on gesso-primed hardboard, he applied soft brown glazes of a mix of sepia and burnt umber with cadmium yellow or red for warmth, scrumbling them on with a spiky brush to provide a textured base for the main flower subject.

Drying each layer thoroughly with a hairdryer, he emphasised the importance of keeping the paint mixed with an acrylic medium of the right consistency to prevent top layers cracking or peeling off. Karl usually paints with a size 8 or 10 white nylon brush with a limited palette and recommends Primacryl white acrylic paint for its opacity.

Members watched as a flat leaf shape curled and rounded under his brush with light catching the top veins and shadows forming under the outer edges. A pale blue layer from ultramarine threw his flower into stronger relief, further emphasised by the meticulous details of the shadows on and under the petals and leaves that glowed against the warm shadowy background.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 16th in the Woodmead Halls at 2pm, when David James will demonstrate "Landscapes and Townscapes in Pen and Wash". For further details on the society, contact Sheila Stratton on 01297 445464.



Cameras through the years at photography club

MALCOLM McNaughton showed his collection of prints that had all been taken over the years with a variety of film cameras at Lyme Regis Photographic Society's latest meeting.

Malcolm began taking pictures aged 10 when he focussed on motor racing and often travelled to Brands Hatch and Goodwood with his Nikon 35mm FE camera. The American photographer Ansel Adams had been a great influence on his picture taking and Malcolm quoted his mantra "the more pictures you take the better you get".

Malcolm progressed to a Bronica 645 medium format camera that made him compose his pictures rather than keep pressing the shutter indiscriminately and discarding the majority of pictures.

He now uses a Japanese large format Whistler camera and carries only six double-sided plates when out taking photographs. When working with 35mm film he was dissatisfied with over 90 per cent of his images, but with

the Whistler he felt more than 75 per cent were good. Malcolm was a keen advocate of the saying that most people "looked but didn't see" and emphasised that it was better to sit and study the surroundings for a while before taking any images.

Malcolm also judged the club's PDIs and prints "Creative" competition. First place in the PDI section was Dougie Young with "Smoking Hot", second was Gary Bridger with "The Wet Bench" and third was Valerie Handley with "What a Hoot". Sylvia Adams came first and second in the print section with "We Have Lift Off" and "Head Lands", and third was Chris Sellers with "Moorland Stream".

The club meets again on Friday, February 12th to select the entries for the Horseshoes Competition on Thursday, March 17th. For more information contact chairman Chris Sellers on 01297 442475 or go to the club website www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

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LymeLetters

Council should consider overall economic value of water ski race

■ LYME Regis Business Group (LRBG) was very disappointed to learn of the town council's recent decision not to work with the Power Boat Club this year in relation to the National Water Skiing competition that has been held annually – and very successfully – in Lyme Regis for several years.

The council's reasoning was, apparently, their desire to hopefully earn a possible £1,800 from car parking charges.

Given that the council is supposed to be overseeing and acting in the best interest of the town as a whole, it seems an ill-thought-through decision if you consider that this competition would have brought several hundred people into Lyme Regis over the weekend of the event.

Given the number of participants in previous years, it's not overly enthusiastic to estimate an attendance of around 250 people each spending, on average, around £150 each over the three-day period. That's a total £37,500. And let's guess at a third of these would have stayed with local accommodation providers. So now we are looking at between £45k and £50k of revenue for local businesses – that's people providing much-needed employment in the town. Not only that, these visitors

would most likely have returned again year after year, as they have in the past.

However, following the council's ruling, the event has relocated to West Bay and is unlikely to return to Lyme any time soon.

Factor in the great experience that these visitors enjoy in Lyme, and the good PR the town receives as they go home and tell their friends and family what a super place Lyme Regis is – not to mention their own return visits in the future – and it's not difficult to imagine that we are looking at a loss of income to the town this year in excess of £50k, and probably double that over the next year or so. All for the sake of a single weekend's parking revenue for the council.

On behalf of LRBG, the people employed in the town and the clubs and associations who are trying to encourage their counter parts from around the country to visit Lyme, can I ask the council to consider the overall economic value of opportunities such as this, as opposed to just the revenue that they, as guardians of our future well being, can derive from car parking alone?

Tony Colston
Chairman, Lyme Regis
Business Group

The views expressed in letters are those of the author and not necessarily of this newspaper

At last the Church of England has a serious think about the challenge of our church buildings, all maintained by the local congregations.

"The Church Buildings Review" is the report from the review group, which was chaired by the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Revd Dr John Inge. It's the first attempt in many years to undertake a comprehensive review of the Church of England's stewardship of its church buildings. The report can be read at <http://bit.ly/1Gk4IGD>

The review notes that more than three quarters of the Church of England's churches are listed, and the C of E is responsible for nearly half of the grade I listed buildings in England. More than half of churches are in rural areas (where 17 per cent of the population lives) and more than 90 per cent of these are listed.

The Bishop of Worcester said: "Our 16,000 church buildings are a visible sign of ongoing Christian faith in communities throughout England as well as being an unparalleled part of our country's heritage. This report looks at how we can best sup-

port the thousands of local volunteers who care deeply for and about churches and offer wonderful service to their communities using their churches.

"We believe that - apart from growing the church - there is no single solution to the challenges posed by our extensive responsibility for part of the nation's heritage. We hope therefore that this work will be a catalyst for discussion about how churches can be better cared for and used for the common good."

From the big responsibility of completing work identified in the Quinquennial report, to new faults such as water coming through cracks into the ringing chamber in the tower, and then the event of water flooding the boiler room so we now have no heating for last Sunday or Ken Whetlor's funeral; we have a huge challenge to meet at St Michael's.

Much responsibility is on the shoulders of Margaret McConkey, our church warden. We try to make this as much a team effort as possible, including using the skills of

View from the churches

local tradesmen and appreciating the goodwill of many.

The Church of England is recognising that processes need to be simpler and we lack support as we seek to maintain the church building of the nation. If in Lyme Regis, or where-ever you are near a local church, have you skills you are able to offer? The future of these buildings belongs to all the community, the responsibility is too great for the congregation alone.

The parish church is open on Tuesday mornings for meeting together around refreshments from 9.30am, do come a see how you could be involved!

The Reverend Jane Skinner,
Team Vicar, Golden Cap Benefice

Busy year ahead for thriving U3A branch

THE local branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) is thriving and has a busy year ahead, beginning with a coffee morning at the Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis, at 10am on Friday, February 12th.

The branch's 600 members can join any of 50 groups catering for interests and activities, from badminton or birdwatching to bridge; from science and technology or Scrabble to Spanish, stimulating body or brain or both. With theatre trips, guided walks, visits to important gardens and historic houses, this lively U3A branch ensures that there's no chance to be bored or lonely in Lyme Regis.

The monthly talks at the Woodmead Halls always provide interesting speakers with a variety of experience and expertise. The series began last month with Richard Hamblin's fascinating account of how he, as a professional geologist, was caught at the epicentre of the very serious 2011 Christchurch earthquake – he thought he was on holiday with his wife, but instead had a close professional encounter.

In March, Nicky Campbell will reveal how the forward-looking

Peek family created a close-knit community in Rousdon, introducing among other things the first school meals to be organised in a village school anywhere in England. April sees Yvonne Bell, an expert on Edwardian life, illustrating gardens created by distinguished figures of the period.

Janet Diamond visits in May to describe her several years in Cairo during the early 1980s and to explore themes of Egyptian history and culture. She will be followed in June by Colin Vardell, acclaimed local wildlife photographer, with a widescreen digital presentation. And if you don't know what a "Shetland Bus" was, come along in July to hear Kathy McNally's 20th century Norse saga of courage, determination and seamanship.

The coffee morning this Friday, free to members and non-members, is a chance to meet group leaders and other members, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am there will be a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members.

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Celebrating sax supremo Sonny

Gall and Clouts' Jazz Café show to pay tribute to Sonny Rollins

SAXOPHONIST Sonny Rollins is widely recognized as one of the most important and influential jazz musicians. To mark 60 years since the release of his two best known albums, Saxophone Colossus and Tenor Madness, Jade Gall (saxophone) and Philip Clouts (piano) will be playing his compositions, including the iconic jazz calypso 'St Thomas', and 'Alfie's Theme' from the soundtrack of the classic film *Alfie* starring Michael Caine.

Sonny Rollins played with jazz greats Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk early in his career, and soon afterwards released a series of landmark recordings under his own

name. In the 1950s he was widely regarded as the most talented and innovative tenor saxophonist in jazz. Nevertheless, he withdrew from public performance for two years around 1960-during this period his habit of practicing on the Williamsburg Bridge in New York became legendary.

Jade Gall is a classically trained saxophonist who has rapidly become the go-to choice for jazz, swing, soul and ska bands throughout Devon.

In addition to playing Sonny Rollins' own compositions Jade Gall and Philip Clouts will be playing jazz tunes such as 'Mac the Knife' and 'God Bless the Child' that Rollins has played so convincingly

in his recordings.

Jade Gall and Philip Clouts perform at Bridport Arts Centre's Jazz Café this Friday, February 12th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204.



Jade Gall

Lyme Folk Revisited

LOVERS of folk music in Lyme Regis will be delighted that organisers of the summer festival will once again be holding a fundraiser concert at the Marine Theatre next month.

On Friday, March 18th, for one night only, Lyme Folk Weekend are presenting a night of top-notch, home-grown talent, hosted by their patron, Jim Causley.

Jim, one of the West Country's best known and most successful folk singers, will be performing songs from his brilliant new album, *Forgotten Kingdom*, and also introducing - or re-introducing - a carefully selected line-up of talent spotted by the organisers at last year's Lyme Folk Weekend.

All the proceeds from the evening go towards helping to stage the summer festival.

Topping the bill are Ninebarrow, the fantastic Dorset duo who



Jim Causley

wowed audiences at the Marine Theatre last August, and who also are about to release a brand new album.

Joining them are Sennen Timckle and Claire Ji, a wonderfully bright and breezy duo who were a major hit in the Galley Cafe last August.

Also making a welcome return to Lyme for this special evening is David Green, a brilliant virtuoso guitarist and engaging singer-songwriter. If you were lucky you would have seen him on the seafront and in the Pilot

Boat at the summer festival.

And not forgetting local favourites J J Pig, singers of lusty shanties and bawdy ballads.

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THE SKIMMITY HITCHERS have long been top of the local live scene as well as festival favourites at the likes of Camp Festival, Boomtown, Tolpuddle Matyrs, Outcider and the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

The band's Dorchester Arts gig on February 27th will be their first following a 10 day tour of North America so be prepared for some stories of trans-Atlantic debauchery and faux-pas mixed in with the usual topics of cider, badgers and West Country weirdness.

If you haven't seen these boys perform before then you are in for one hell of a treat!

Support comes from the brilliant and equally out there Captain Hotknives - a cult legend of the national

alternative music scene as well as support from Dorset Phil.

Adult humour will be a feature of tonight's show so parental discretion is advised.

The Skimmity Hitchers play at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, February 27th at 8pm (doors and bar 7.30pm). Tickets are £10/ £8 members and concessions, £5 livefor5.



The Skimmity Hitchers

Meet the Mischievous Monkey this Half Term

WITH HALF TERM just around the corner, children and families can look forward to some brilliant live theatre events taking place across Dorset through Artsreach, including a special five date tour from Britain's top puppet company PuppetCraft.

Using stunning string puppets, antique shadow puppets and live music, PuppetCraft tell the story of the birth and comic escapades of the much-loved trickster and super-hero Monkey. Hatched from a stone egg, mischievous Monkey can fly on a cloud, turn himself invisible and transform into just about anything! Monkey is the main comic character in China's great classic story Journey to the West, and is still one of the world's most popular folk heroes, appearing in countless adaptations, from Chinese opera to comic books, even after hundreds of years. Now, inspired by the classic Chinese epic story, the comic adventures of this fantastical superhero are brought to life by Artsreach favourites PuppetCraft, in a show suitable for children aged 4+ and their families, and with a script written by poet Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate 2007-09.

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limited to 30 makers. Suitable for ages 6+ (please note no workshop at Cerne Abbas).

The show comes to Cerne Abbas Village Hall on Sunday, February 14th (01300 341332), Martinstown Village Hall on Monday, February 15th at 4pm (01305 889202), and Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall on Wednesday, February 17th at 4pm (01297 560948). For more details visit www.artsreach.co.uk

Theatre Temoin: *Nobody's Home*

THEATRE Témoïn and Grafted Cedeare are bringing their striking exploration of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 12th at 8pm. Set in a bathroom, *Nobody's Home* follows a soldier's journey through his own mind, as he struggles with the monsters of his past to finally arrive home in this modern retelling of Homer's *Odyssey*.



Theatre Témoïn and Grafted Cede are two theatre companies that share a passion for telling exciting stories in a visually unforgettable way and devised *Nobody's Home* in California via

a series of collaborative workshops with combat veterans. It was originally presented at both Brighton and Edinburgh Fringe festivals in 2013, where it received 5-star reviews, and performed in theatres and universities throughout the USA.

With its central theme arguably even more urgent and relevant today than it was three years ago, the production is now being revived for a tour of British theatres and military veteran communities. An integral part of the tour will be an outreach campaign run with assistance from PTSD professionals including the charity Combat Stress, to engage war veterans and others with experience of war and trauma, as well as youth workshops in physical theatre.

Presented by Theatre Témoïn and Grafted Cede Theatre with support from The Salisbury Playhouse and The Wellcome Trust.

Tickets are £12 or £10, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Who does Mark think he is?

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Previously, Mark has written and

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Mark Steel: 'Who Do I Think I Am' comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, February 26th. Bar opens 7pm, with the show from 8pm. All tickets are £15, and the show is suitable for ages 14+. For

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available Sunday 14th February

Starters

1/2 Dozen oysters served 3 ways. Au natural; lightly grilled with blue cheese and spinach and lightly grilled with herb crust. Perfect to share. £7.95	Asparagus and smoked salmon Flatbread. Baked with Crème Fraîche and garlic. Perfect to share. £7.25
Local lobster Thermidor. Lobster meat taken out of the shell and served in our own special Thermidor sauce, rosemary ciabatta crouton. £8.50	Deep fried Brie in crispy crumbs. Served with mixed baby leaves and Cumberland dipping sauce. £6.25

Main Courses

Pan roast breast of pheasant. Presented on a casserole of the leg cooked in a whisky cream sauce, little thyme dumplings. £15.95	Fillet of Lyme Bay Pollock. Roasted Mediterranean vegetable and langoustine tagliatelle. Sun blushed tomato 'Tapenade'. £17.95
Pan seared Monkfish steak. Served with a mild mussel curry sauce, coriander rice. £17.95	Slow roasted, shredded shoulder of lamb. Cooked with capers and lemon and topped with confit roast potato. Red current, port, and mint gravy. £16.95

Sweets

Hazelnut meringue and strawberry sundae.	£5.50
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Seaton Tramway has a fun packed season of fun ahead!

SEATON Tramway, is offering great family days out in Devon starting from February half term. Join us for a ride through two beautiful nature reserves on our 'Bird Hide On Wheels' or step back in time and discover the history of the 'Seaton Branch Line Tour'. Or, if you've never driven a tram? Well, now's your chance! Why not try your hand at one of our 'Driver's Eye Experiences' or Tram Driving Lesson packages starting from as little as £40 per person.

Our Dinosaur Train™ ride by tram is on track for great success again this year in the UK – from the creator of the Muppets, families and children are sure to enjoy this adventure-filled tram ride with music, stories, fossil dig and dinosaur activity area at Colyton Station! Plus, an opportunity to meet their favourite T.Rex - Buddy! Departing from Seaton Terminus 27th & 28th March, 1st & 29th May, 24th & 31st July, 29th August and every Sunday in August.

During the autumn half term from Monday 24th October until Sunday 30th October our Halloween 'Tram of Terror' will run from 10.30am - 2pm each day from Seaton Terminus to Colyton Station. Not for the faint-hearted, our single deck trams will be driven by our most 'gruesome' drivers and take passengers to Coly-



ton for some spine-tingling entertainment. Every child will receive a 'baddie bag' and enjoy horrible Halloween games in the Garden Room. Fancy dress is optional and 'revolving' refreshments can be purchased at the Tram-stop Café.

The Polar Express™ is once again coming to Seaton Tramway on selected dates between 2 - 24th December! Families will enjoy the magical tram ride to Santa's home at the North Pole in one of the specially decorated single deck trams. Listen to and sing along with all the songs, be served hot chocolate and cookies by the dancing chefs and meet Santa and his happy bunch of elves. Each child will receive a special gift from Santa and you're welcome to wear your pyjamas on board just like the movie! This event is very popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

And don't forget on most Fridays we offer a buy one standard ticket and get one half price when booked online!

All tickets and Loyalty Cards can be purchased at the Seaton Terminus and Colyton Station ticket offices or on line at: www.tram.co.uk.



Win a Star Wars Giant Clone Trooper!

BRIDPORT'S Electric Palace and the town's Toymaster store have joined forces to mark two showings of the new Star Wars film this month.

They are giving away a 79cm Star Wars Giant Clone Trooper figure, worth £40, in a prize draw.

Electric Palace manager Susan Warren said: "We're showing Star Wars: The Force Awakens on our new, big screen during half term and we wanted to do something special to celebrate that."

"So I approached Vernon Franklin, the owner of Toymaster, which is just across the road from us, to see if we could work together. He was only too happy to oblige and offered us this brilliant figure as a prize."

The Clone Trooper is on display in the window at Toymaster in South Street, opposite the Electric Palace. To be in with a chance of winning it, go to electricpalace.org.uk/star-wars or fill out an entry form at Toymaster's front counter.

The draw closes on Monday, February 29th 2016 at 5pm. The first name, drawn at random, will win a Star Wars Giant Size 501st Clone Trooper (worth £40).

Star Wars: The Force Awakens (12A) is showing on Saturday, February 13th at 7.30pm and on Thursday, February 18th at 4.30pm. As it is in half-term week and the film is likely to be very popular, tickets, at £4, are available in advance from the Palace box office (Tues-Fri, 11am-5pm, and Sat, 10am-2pm) or online via seetickets.com.

The 12A certificate means a film is not generally suitable for children under 12. If they come, they have to be accompanied by an adult.

Classic Cinema on Wednesday afternoons continues its successful run, with *The Wizard of Oz* (U) on February 17th and *The Great Escape* (PG) on February 24th. The ticket price of £4 on the door includes



Vernon Franklin and Star Wars figure

complimentary tea and biscuits.

Evening films lined up for February are *The Martian* (12A) with Matt Damon on Tuesday, February 16th, *Sunset Song* (15) on Wednesday, February 17th, *Grandma* (15), with Lily Tomlin, on Thursday, February 18th, and the Oscar-tipped *Carol* (15) on Saturday, February 20th.

All film information is available on www.electricpalace.org.uk/films.

Returning to raise some hell!

THE second event for 2016 at Winstons Bar & Grill in Seaton will be on Saturday, February 20th - the one and only 'Hellrazor'. For the uninitiated these are the Hells Bells boys as their alter ego playing the best in classic rock from Purple, Zeppelin and Sabbath to the current era with the likes of Queen of the Stone Age, Guns and Roses, Alterbridge and Metallica

among many others.

Lead singer Lee explained: "due to the AC/DC commitments we have little chance to do this, probably four or five times a year, but we had such a blast last year at Winstons we decided this was one of the few venues that we were going to put this show on".

Expect nothing more than an explosive show and with tickets

selling fast this looks like being another sell out!

Tickets are £10 in advance, £13 on the night and are available from Winstons, Beer Village Stores and Axe Music in Axminster.

As well as their website and Lemonrock page, Winstons also have a full list of events on a sheet which can be picked up from the bar.

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The charge of the Dorset Yeomanry

Exhibition now open at County Museum

DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM and The Keep Military Museum, Dorchester, in conjunction with the Dorset Yeomanry have assembled a small exhibition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the famous charge of the Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry against a mixed Turkish and Senussi force in the Egyptian Western Desert. The charge, the last Regimental charge in battle by the British army, routed the enemy and was a key element in preventing the Turks and their German allies from capturing the Suez canal;

a vital link with India.

The highlight of the display will be the painting recording the gallantry of the QODY that was commissioned from the greatest, British, late 19th/ early 20th century, military artist, Lady Elizabeth Butler. The painting was paid for by subscriptions from local people. After being exhibited in 1917 at the Royal Academy, it was displayed in most of the major towns across Dorset. Over 10,000 people paid 8d each to see the painting. It normally hangs in the Members' Com-

mon Room at County Hall and this will be the first time for many decades that the people of Dorset will have easy access to view this painting with such county wide resonance.

A complementary display of military ephemera will be staged at The Keep Military Museum at the same time. Dorset County Museum and The Keep Military Museum are offering a joint ticket to see both displays with an individual ticket price saving of £1.50.

The exhibition is open now, and runs until June 3rd 2016.



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Singer-Songwriter Saskia is touring her debut album *Gentle Heart*, and is known for her clear, enchanting tones, and passion-

ate creative melodies. Saskia's original songs draw on the genre's of Americana, roots & darker folk music.

Saskia Moore-Griffiths and Adam Sweet play their double bill lunchtime concert on Thursday, February 18th. Doors open at 1.30pm, with music from 2pm.

Tickets are £10, available from www.marinetheatre.co.uk or by calling 01297 442138.



Adam Sweet



Saskia Moore-Griffiths

We Are Brontë

THE FAMOUS Brontë sisters get a clowning makeover when Publick Transport comes to The Lyric Theatre in Bridport this Thursday, February 11th.

We Are Brontë is a piece of comic visual theatre inspired by the real and imaginary worlds of Yorkshire's literary siblings, presented in Publick Transport's irreverent style.

Physical theatre collides with stand-up, clowning and improvisation as two performers deconstruct not only gothic themes of love, madness, repression and revenge, but also themselves. Part play, part enquiry into the act of putting on a play, this promises to be no ordinary Brontë adaptation.

Publick Transport was set up in Bristol in 2005 with the mission not to bore audiences ("And bore audiences they certainly do not" Venue Magazine). The company is dedicated to making comic theatre of the highest standard, drawing on clown, slapstick and the absurd to celebrate the live experience and stimulate all the senses and bodily parts – especially the belly. Previous productions include: '20,000 Leagues Under the Office', 'The Department of Smelling Pistakes', 'Very Hard Times' and 'Discombobulated'.

Publick Transport are masters in comedy - audiences are challenged to keep a straight face! Tickets are £12, available in advance from Bridport



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ODDBALL AND THE PENGUINS ^U

AN eccentric chicken farmer, with the help of his granddaughter, trains his mischievous dog Oddball to protect a penguin sanctuary from fox attacks in an attempt to reunite his family and save their seaside town.

Stars Alan Tudyk, Sarah Snook, Coco Jack Gillies.

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THE vacation of a famous rock star and a filmmaker is disrupted by the unexpected visit of an old friend and his daughter.

Stars Dakota Johnson, Ralph Fiennes and Matthias Schoenaerts.

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Cinema Listings

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Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chip ^U

Fri: 15.30, Sat, Mon-Thu: 13.10,

15.30, Sun: 13.00

Dad's Army ^{PG} Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu:

17.45, 20.25, Sun: 15.05, 20.00

The Choir ^{PG} Thu: 10.30am

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When Harry Met Sally ¹⁵

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The Program ¹⁵ Thu: 19.30

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Fri: 13.10, 15.40,

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Deadpool ¹⁵

Daily: 14.45, 18.00, 20.45

Goosebumps ^{PG}

Fri: 15.15, Sat-Thu: 10.15, 15.15

Hotel Transylvania 2 ^U

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Zoolander 2 ^{12A}

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Alvin and the Chipmunks:

The Road Chip ^U

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Capture the Flag ^{PG}

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Concussion ^{12A}

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20.20

Dad's Army ^{PG}

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Deadpool ¹⁵

Daily: 11.30, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30,

19.30, 20.30

Dirty Grandpa ¹⁵

Daily: 18.15

Goosebumps 3D ^{PG}

Daily: 14.40

Goosebumps 2D ^{PG}

Daily: 11.00, 12.20, 13.30, 17.00

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Fri-Wed: 10.00, 12.30, 15.30

Thu: 10.15, 12.45, 15.00

Oddball and the Penguins ^U

Daily: 12.00

Pride and Prejudice and

Zombies ¹⁵

Fri-Wed: 17.30, 20.15

Thu: 17.00, 19.40

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

2D ^{12A} Daily: 11.15am

Zoolander 2 ^{12A}

Fri-Wed: 14.30, 17.15, 20.00

Thu: 14.30, 17.15

BRIDPORT ELECTRIC PALACE

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Star Wars: The Force

Awakens ^{12A} Sat: 19.30

The Martian ^{12A} Tue: 19.30

The Wizard of Oz ^U Wed: 14.00

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View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group meeting. Wendy Hilton of TWAM (Tools With A Mission) to talk on the ingenious work of this Christian Charity. At St George's Church Hall, Fordington, 2.15-4pm. Entry £1, includes tea and biscuit. For more details call 01305 269834.

DORCHESTER: The Durnovarian Dames Ladies Group. AGM followed by a presentation by Jordans Jewellers about Birthstones. Thursday, February 11th from 10am to Noon at The Recreation Ground Pavilion, Weymouth Avenue. All ladies are very welcome to come along to our friendly monthly meetings. For more details call 01305 751639 or visit www.durnovariandames.weebly.com

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'Harbingers of Spring'. An illustrated talk by Julian Sutton, Desirable Plants, Totnes, Devon. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning. 10.00am in Woodmead Hills, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. Members and non-members all welcome. At 10.30, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH - WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND
LYME REGIS: There will be much to admire and even take home with you in this themed art exhibition, called Coastline, which provides an appropriate platform for celebrating the British coast and our amazing World Heritage coastline as interpreted by local artists in various media and styles. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

LODERS: West Dorset Group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society, 2pm, Lodgers Village Hall. Speaker Roger Guttridge - My Family and other Smugglers. Roger has researched smuggling in Dorset and published many books on the subject. Everyone welcome, visitors £3. For more details call 01308 425710 or jferentzi@aol.com

BRIDPORT: Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning at United Church Hall, 10am-12noon.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH - SUNDAY MARCH 6TH
LYME REGIS: As a tribute to the region's commitment to fine art printmaking, The Town Mill is hosting Printmaking 2016, an open exhibition of the latest works of printmakers from the Southwest. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission. www.townmillarts.co.uk

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. David James is an experienced teacher and demonstrator and will be showing us pen and wash landscapes and townscapes. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Hobson's Choice' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester. Lights dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing for £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club. 'Landscapes/Seascapes'. The 3rd Club competition of the season will be judged by Malcolm MacNaughtan from Dorchester. At Chancery House DT6 3JT, 7.30pm. For more details visit www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk, find us on Facebook or call 01308 459266.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Penny Piddock - Lights Out! Experimentation in working creatively with light. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

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WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Suffragette' at the village hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets on the door £4 for members of the film club, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Pink pig racing night in aid of Breast Cancer and Riding for the Disabled. 7pm at the village hall. £10 ticket, including supper. For more details and tickets call 01297 489375 or 489562.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Birdwatching Cruise on the River Exe. Leaving Uplyme Village Hall at 10.30am in shared cars to drive to Exmouth for the cruise, which leaves at 12.15 and should take around three hours. An expert local birdwatcher will be at the microphone, food and drinks are available on the boat and binoculars will be available to borrow if you do not have your own. Cost is £14pp (£3 extra for non-members) and bookings should be made as soon as possible with Robin Britton on 01297 442794 - we will need to fix numbers by the end of January.

BRIDPORT: New Family History course in Bridport. Day one of two day beginners course (day two on Sunday, February 28th). Getting back to 1837, we will look at birth, marriages and deaths going back to 1837 and the Census records from 1841 to 1911. At Marsh Barn, Burton Road. Plenty of parking. Two day courses are £50, one day courses £25. From 10am - 4pm. Tea and real coffee provided. Bring lunch. For more details call 01308 425710.

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BRIDPORT: Illustrated talk by Charlie Wheeler 'A Year Through My Lens (The Swannery at Abbotsbury)'. At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street, 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset). Non-member welcome. Admission £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For more details call 01308 863577.

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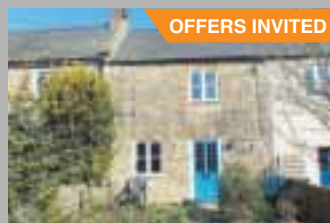
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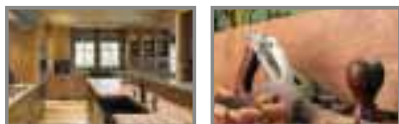


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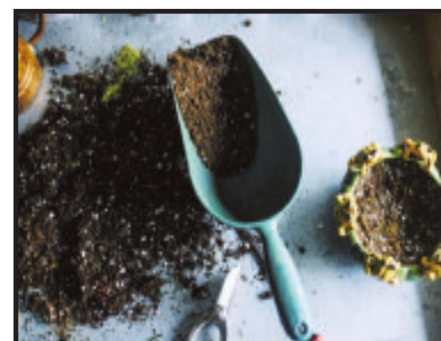
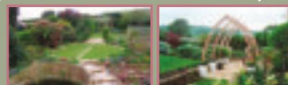
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Local Vauxhall retailer Lanehouse Bridport wows new generation of Astra fans

LOCAL Vauxhall retailer, Lanehouse Bridport is delighted to announce motorists in Bridport can get up close and personal with the award-winning New Astra on its forecourt now.

Paving the way for a new generation of fans, the New Astra 1.0 Turbo ecoFLEX Design has been recognised at the What Car? Car of the Year Awards 2016, bagging the award for 'Best Family Car under £16,000', demonstrating its value in this extremely competitive class.

Dominic Avery, Company Director at the retailer on Shoe Lane, comments: "We're thrilled to be able to offer the award-winning New Astra. Boasting some of the latest technology, it stands out from the rest as this level of specification wouldn't necessarily be associated with an Astra."

Now in its seventh generation, the New Astra exudes coolness, thanks to its savvy technology and slick designs. With a stream of options, the Astra has high-speed 4G WiFi capability, new-generation IntelliLink infotainment system - compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and Driver Assistance System - to name a few!

Going from strength to strength, Vauxhall also recently launched the highly anticipated 'Yes it's an Astra' campaign, which first aired on Boxing Day, and exhibits many of the features that make the New Astra such a compelling car. The ad was rolled-out across TV, cinema, digital, poster, print, national and retail communications earlier this year.

Dominic Avery adds: "The New Astra is the best Astra yet and widely recognised for its superior performance, striking inter-

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"We'd like to encourage all motorists in the area looking for a new vehicle to visit the dealership and see what the New Astra has to offer."

For detailed information about the New Astra or any of the other models at Vauxhall, please contact Lanehouse Bridport at St Andrews Industrial Estate, Shoe Lane, Bridport, DT6 3EX. Alternatively, go online to www.lanehousegroup.co.uk or call 01308 458018.



▲ New Astra wins family car honour at What Car Awards

SsangYong adds Korando 'Red' Special Edition

BASED on the Korando ELX 2.2, the car adds a stunning full red leather interior, a 6-way power adjustable and ventilated driver's seat, powered sunroof and HID (High Intensity Discharge) headlights, with a choice of either a metallic space black or metallic techno grey exterior. The car also includes an Aisin 6-speed automatic gearbox.

The Korando ELX features intelligent on demand four wheel drive, heated front and rear seats, a smart infotainment system with 7" touch screen with a TomTom navigation system, a rear view camera, and 18" diamond cut alloy wheels.

The Korando ELX is powered by SsangYong's newly developed e-XDi220 2.2 litre diesel engine for a more powerful performance and lower CO2 emissions than the previous 2.0 litre engine it replaces.

Maximum power is increased to 178ps and torque to 400Nm - up by 19.4% and 11% respectively, and maximum torque is delivered from a low of 1,400rpm and maintained through a wide range up to 2,800rpm for smooth, progressive driving from the start.

Korando Red is priced at just £23,495 on the road.

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▲ Korando Red limited edition



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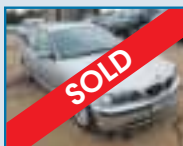
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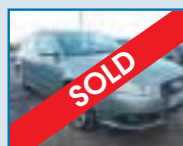


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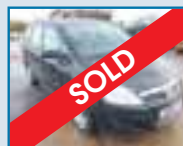
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The revised engine line-up means all versions of the PEUGEOT 208 meet stringent Euro 6 emissions standards, made possible with sophisticated BlueHDi technology ensuring every diesel version of the new 208 is below 95g/km of CO2 (benefiting from £0 VED and £0 Road Tax). There are two 79g/km models in Active and Allure trim levels, in both 3 and 5 doors, powered by the 1.6-litre BlueHDi 75hp with Stop & Start (S&S) technology. These 79g/km models are capable of achieving 94.2mpg (Combined Drive Cycle), can reach 106mph and are priced from £14,995 and £16,195.

Other models utilising the same 1.6-litre BlueHDi engines are also available with three power level

choices: in 75hp, 75hp S&S, 100hp and 120hp S&S. The 75hp, 75hp S&S and 100hp S&S are coupled with a five-speed manual gearbox. The 75hp and 100hp achieve 80.7mpg, while the 75hp S&S has economy of 94.2mpg – which is a record for the segment, and in the market. The 120hp S&S is mated to a six-speed manual gearbox and produces just 94g/km of CO2.

PEUGEOT is rapidly reducing the CO2 emissions of all of its vehicles in a tangible way with the accelerated implementation of the 3-cylinder PureTech petrol and BlueHDi diesel engines, as well as the new 1.6-litre THP engines and EAT6 six-speed automatic transmission. Twenty PEUGEOT vehicles (five PureTech, three 1.6-litre THP and twelve BlueHDi) are class leading in their power class for CO2 emissions.

These meet the demand by PEU-

GEOT for developing more environmentally friendly engines, in particular those that are cleaner and produce less CO2. PEUGEOT's environmental performance helped the PSA PEUGEOT CITROËN Group maintain leadership in Europe in 2014 with average CO2 emissions of 110.3g/km, in a European market where the average is at 123.7g/km. As an individual Brand the Peugeot product average is 109.5g/km.

Combining SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) and an additive particle filter in a unique way, the BlueHDi technology demonstrates it is the most efficient and effective diesel emissions control system.

Representing nearly 30% of all registrations, the B-segment is the second largest by volume in the European market. It accounts for two out of every three cars sold and PEUGEOT continues to be a dominant

player in this sector with one million examples of the 208 produced.

Providing standardised new car fuel economy and emissions figures is a requirement imposed on all car manufacturers by the EU Directive 80/1268/EEC. PEUGEOT has a track record second to none and the Brand has the lowest Corporate Average Fuel Emissions (CAFE) of any volume manufacturer.

Mark Pickles, Marketing Director at PEUGEOT UK, explained: "We pride ourselves in producing engines that reduce emissions without compromising performance and driver enjoyment, while optimising fuel consumption. The new 208 79g/km is the industry class leader and reinforces the Brand's commitment in continually pushing the boundaries of technology for both petrol and diesel engines."

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Subaru announces upgrades to XV compact crossover

SUBARU has today announced details of a series of upgrades to the XV compact crossover, designed to refresh the car's exterior styling, raise cabin quality and improve refinement. In spite of the range of upgrades across the full model line-up, pricing for the Subaru XV is unchanged for the 2016 model, which goes on sale across the UK next month from £21,995 (OTR).

Since its introduction in 2012, the XV has stood out in its sector with Subaru's legendary permanent Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive as standard. The XV boasts higher ground clearance than most rivals and is among the lightest vehicles in the compact crossover segment, aiding the car's genuine off-road ability. Its centre of gravity and low-mounted four cylinder Boxer engines make it one of the most agile compact crossovers on the market.

Updates to the 2016 model follow hot on the heels of a range of upgrades made in 2015 which included a raft of suspension modifications and a quicker more direct steering rack, resulting in more engaging and assured handling and smoother ride.

Higher-quality cabin with new connected infotainment system

Among the most important changes to the upgraded XV is an upgraded interior, finished in higher quality materi-

als and featuring Subaru's new factory-fit 7.0-inch touchscreen infotainment and navigation system. Changes include the adoption of new metallic and piano black trim as well as new contrast stitching throughout the cabin. The driver's TFT LCD instrument binnacle has also been redesigned, now emitting a soft, contemporary blue glow.

The overall result of these changes is a cossetting ambience with a higher-quality, more modern look and feel.

Subaru's all-new 7.0-inch touchscreen display allows smartphone-style control of the advanced navigation and infotainment features, with a swipe and pinch control function for map displays. Consistent with other updates to the cabin, the infotainment system echoes the new blue glow of the driver's instrument binnacle. The infotainment system houses a standard-fit rear view camera, offering a super-wide 160-degree field of view behind the car when reversing.

Other functions of the car – such as changing navigation settings or adjusting the power or temperature of the climate control – can be controlled through the company's latest-generation voice control facility, allowing the driver to keep their eyes on the road ahead. The system also enables Apple iPhone users to activate Siri® Eyes-Free functionality,

providing full voice control of their iOS mobile device when linked with the new infotainment system.

The smartphone functionality extends to a range of apps, which pair users' mobile devices with the vehicle via Subaru StarLink, making the XV one of the most connected cars on the road. StarLink enables occupants to display weather forecasts and traffic reports, access wireless audio, receive the latest news updates and check their calendar while on the move.

Lower running costs and improvements to fuel efficiency

The upgraded Subaru XV continues to offer UK buyers a choice of two horizontally-opposed, four-cylinder Boxer engines – a 2.0-litre petrol and 2.0-litre diesel – and two transmissions (six-speed manual and six-speed CVT automatic). For 2016, both engines in the XV line-up offer improved fuel economy over the existing model.

The 2.0-litre turbodiesel, equipped with a six-speed manual transmission, features a range of updates and longer gear ratios to improve fuel efficiency by 4%. The modified engine – which still produces 147 PS and 350 Nm of torque – achieves 52.3 mpg on the combined cycle, while CO2 emissions fall from 146 to 141 g/km, placing the car in a lower BIK tax band (25% for 2016/17). In spite

of the longer gear ratios, driveability hasn't been compromised, with the car still able to accelerate from 0-to-62 mph in 9.3 seconds.

Subaru has also introduced a series of updates to the 150 PS 2.0-litre naturally-aspirated petrol engine which produces 196 Nm of torque. Fuel efficiency increases by 2% to a combined average of 43.5 mpg when equipped with Subaru's smooth-shifting Lineartronic transmission (CVT) and emissions fall to 151

g/km. Longer gear ratios for models fitted with the six-speed manual transmission promote greater efficiency at motorway speeds.

Pricing unchanged – 2016 Subaru XV now on sale from £21,995

The upgraded 2016 Subaru XV retains its existing on-the-road price, with the range starting from £21,995 (on-the-road). Every Subaru XV is offered with Subaru's comprehensive five-year, 100,000 mile warranty.



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Beaminstor Reserves	10	10
Ilminster Town Colts	9	7
Crewkerne Rangers	9	5
Thorncombe	9	2

Perry St Div 2 (24)	Pld	Pts
South Petherton Res	9	24
Shepton Beau Res	9	23
Merriott Rovers	9	22
Chard Rangers	11	22
Winsham Utd Res	13	21
Combe St Nicholas B	10	18
Farway Utd	10	18
Chard Utd Reserves	10	15
Hinton St George	13	12
Merriott Dynamos	10	10
Kingsbury Episc	7	7
Thorncombe Reserves	5	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	24
Charmouth	10	19
Perry Street Reserves	8	18
Fivehead	11	18
Uplyme Reserves	10	17
Halstock	16	16
Netherbury Reserves	8	15
Drimpton Reserves	11	14*
Chard Rangers Res	9	13
Crewk Rangers Res	10	10
Ilminster Town A	10	6
Chard Utd All Stars	10	6
Farway Utd Reserves	11	4

Backlogged fixtures causing concern

Time to delve into the archives - with a look back 20 years

THE weekend downpour saw all of the region's football teams' matches postponed.

This gives me an opportunity to dig into our archives which have just been recovered from our soon to be closed Pulman's Axminster office.

The following snippets of reports were printed in this week in 1996 (20 years ago), some of the names will be familiar, some are still playing! - others long forgotten...enjoy!

CHALLENGE CUP

SHEPTON, who defeated **FORTON** in the league game 7-0 a couple of weeks ago, were defeated in this cup game by a fired up Forton team.

A Dave Loader header gave Forton a 1-0 half-time lead. Shepton then proceeded to miss three penalties. Forton's keeper saved Justin Thomas', Shaun French hit the post with his, and Steve Martin blasted his wide.

Andy Denning increased Forton's lead with a well placed shot. Nick Rutter halved the lead with a well taken goal. Keith Tovey banged in Forton's third. Rutter got his second to make things interesting, but it was Forton's day.

Rick Gage, Forton's manager said: "We played out of our skins today."

Shepton spokesman Matthew Horgan commented: "We were terrible, they battled hard and deserved their win."

"We are having a committee meeting about leaving the Perry Street League because the standard of refereeing is terrible - it was diabolical in this game. We are thinking of going into the Yeovil League."

Another upset happened at Sector Lane where Axminster defeated HINTON 3-2 even though they played the last 30 minutes with only NINE men.

Axminster's Gary Vernon slotted the ball home into an empty net after the keeper had parried a shot into his path. Vernon then got himself sent off for a reckless challenge.

In the second half a Simon Palmer long range effort beat the keeper to increase Axes lead, but then Axminster's league XI player Ian Hall saw the red card for deliberate handball.

Hinton hit back with Vinny Allen finding the net after the keeper had parried a shot.

Allen then got his second in virtually the same manner. Ronnie Reed hit Hinton's post and then put a Hinton defender under pressure causing him to head the ball into the top corner of the goal.

"We certainly made things hard for ourselves with the two sendings off. Ronnie Reed and Nigel Ives were outstanding and it was nice to have Matthew Dare back from Bridport," said Axe Manager Brian McAuley.

Dave Brodie's NORTON lost 4-2 at home to COMBE ST NICHOLAS. Norton's Pete Purdey fired them into the lead, but a Kev Male header made the scores level.

Shortly after prolific goalscorer Andy Contreras made it 2-1 to

Combe.

Just before the break Norton's Paul Charles hammered in a 30-yard free-kick to level the scores.

The second period was even until Norton's Barry Wills was sent off for retaliation and this changed the course of the game. Paul Stoodley made it 3-2 after a shot had hit the crossbar and he converted the rebound.

Male got the fourth and his second to secure Combe's passage into the semi-finals.

ARTHUR GAGE CUP

HIGH flying **LYME REGIS RES** were downed 6-0 away at **ILMINSTER TOWN RES**.

Jamie Parks gave Ilminster the lead after 15 minutes. It remained that way until the 43rd minute when Steve Redwood made the lead two.

Parks got his second and Ilminster's third a minute later.

Ilminster were well on top in the second half and added a further three goals. Redwood got two of them to complete his hat-trick and Steve Parks also found the net.

Bottom-of-the-table **SOUTH PETHERTON** clipped fourth in the table **BEAMINSTER RES** wings with a 3-0 home win.

Petherton went into the break leading 1-0 courtesy of Steve Sibley.

Second-half goals from Anthony Dalwood and Chris Boulton made sure Beaminster didn't make a comeback.

"Anthony Pimblett, up from the reserves, stood out for us," said Petherton manager Jason Hearne.

There was upset with **CREWKERNE RES** winning 2-0 at **COMBE RESERVES**. Combe manager Gary Biss a penalty while Crewkerne's Budgie Cook headed the first goal and Lee Haines capitalised on a defensive error to slot home the second.

TOMMY TABBERER CUP

AXMINSTER TOWN A notched up their first win of the season with a 2-1 extra time triumph at **CHARD YOUTH CLUB**.

Chard led through Andy Finn but Adam Bounds tor-poked home the equaliser and then scored from the edge of the box to clinch the win.

In the other game **PYMORE** overcame **SEAVINGTON** in the second-half to win 4-0.

After a goal less first-half Phil Hussey fired a hat-trick and Simon Bush added a fourth.

Seavington had Mark Tolman and Mark Woollard sent-off for foul and abusive language. Both keepers Steve Major (Seavington) and Stuart Alner (Pymore) stood out.

JOHN FOWLER CUP

BARRINGTON beat **UPLYME** 2-1 after extra time to advance to the next round.

In the first 90 minutes there were no goals and very little action.

Ray Cooper gave Barrington the lead in the first-half of extra time. Richard Tratt added a second early in the second period. Gavin Folwer



◆ **MUDBATH:** Lyme Regis' Davey Fort Ground resembled the majority of pitches across the region on Saturday.
Photo by **HOWARD LARCOMBE**

pulled one back but Barrington held on.

"We missed loads of chances, our finishing was terrible," said Uplyme manager Frank Bowditch.

HAWKCHURCH won 4-2 in a see-saw game at **MISTERTON RES**.

Darren Symes Misterton into the lead but Greg Harding levelled after Alex Brooks had done the donkey work and that's how it stayed until half-time.

Adrian Strawbridge headed the Hawks into the lead but Misterton's manager Shaun Martin squared things up immediately.

Both sides had chances but Brooks tucked two away to give the Hawks the win.

In another close match a Mike Alphonse goal earned **NETHERBURY** a 1-0 win over **COTLEY**.

KENNY HODGES CUP

DOWLISH and **CHARD UNITED** battled out a 4-4 draw after extra-time.

Craig Fox scored twice to put Dowlish in control. Mark Cox pulled one back before Fox completed his hat-trick.

In the second-half Chard stormed back with Cox's second and a Paul Macey header which forced extra-time.

In the second period Andy North converted a penalty to give Dowlish a 4-3 lead. Graham Spurway forced the ball home after a goalmouth scramble to set up a replay.

There was another draw at **COLYTON** where the hosts A team drew 3-3 with **COMBE ST NICHOLAS A**.

Dave Long (2) and Jason Charlton scored for the hosts.

Finally, goals from Gavin Gay, Amos Caldwell and Lee Watts saw

PYMORE RESERVES through after a 3-1 win over **AXMOUTH RESERVES**. Chris Hammett scored for Axmouth but they found Pymore keeper Ian Gay in top form.

PREMIER DIVISION

THIRD placed **CREWKERNE** cruised to a 6-0 win over **MISTERTON**.

Goals from Lee Gillman, Robbie James, Mickey Glover and Lee Wallace gave them a 4-0 half-time lead.

Paul Hooper bagged a pair to round-off the scoring.

Down at the Davey Fort **LYME REGIS** systematically wore down **FARWAY** in the first half.

Ellis Hoole first Lyme ahead after good work from Gerard Hitchcock. Hoole then made it 2-0 with a superb 25-yard free-kick.

Alastair McLennan and Rob Thom (2) made it 5-0 at half-time.

Derek Wellman added number six near the end.

DIVISION TWO

AT THORNCOMBE Colin Bowditch's **CHARMOUTH** continued their fine run with a 4-1 win.

John Butler gave Charmouth a 1-0 lead at half-time.

John Foote added number two before Butler scored his second and Nick Bown made it 4-0.

Pete Cunnifford netted the consolation for Kev Warren's Thorns. Charmouth's Pip Marchant and Thorn's Andy Egton stood out.

FOURTH DIVISION

THE only game played saw **CHARD TOWN A RES** win 5-3 at **CHARMOUTH RES**.

Chard zoomed into a 5-0 lead with goals from manager Richie Allen, Shaun Chlopecki and a Kev Gar-

diner hat-trick.

Kevin Pragnell (2) and Lee Caines netted the Charmouth consolations.

I hope this has jogged a few memories!

◆ **BACK** to 2016, and next Saturday's (February 13th) fixture list; **DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE**

Division Two (3pm)

Cullompton Rangers Res v Lyme Regis

Division Seven (3pm)

Lyme Regis Res v Tivvy Park Rangers

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

JACK VENN CUP (2pm ko)

Chard Rangers v Merriott Dynamos

Farway Utd v Merriott Rovers

Kingsbury Episc v Shepton Beauchamp Res

Winsham Utd Res v South Petherton Res

PREMIER (2.30pm)

Barrington v Winsham Utd

Crewkerne Town v West & Middle Chinnock

Forton Rangers v Combe Reserves

Perry Street v Lyme Regis Bantams

Shepton Beauchamp v Beaminster

South Petherton v Netherbury

DIVISION ONE (2.30pm)

Beaminster Reserves v Uplyme

Crewkerne Reserves v Thorncombe

Drimpton v Combe St Nicholas A

Hawkhurch Utd v Barrington Reserves

Ilminster Town Colts v Waytown Hounds

Misterton v Pymore

DIVISION TWO (2.30pm)

Combe St Nicholas B v Hinton St George

Thorncombe Reserves v Chard Utd Reserves

DIVISION THREE (2.30pm)

Chard Utd All Stars v Crewk Rangers Res

Dowlish & Donyatt v Drimpton Reserves

Fivehead v Chard Rangers Reserves

Halstock v Perry Street Reserves

Netherbury Reserves v Charmouth

Uplyme Reserves v Ilminster Town A

Rugby round-up

Defeats, but good tests for youngsters

BRIDPORT 1st XV's scheduled trip to face bottom-of-the-table Fordingbridge was washed out.
The teams will try again this coming weekend.

This Saturday's fixtures;
Dorchester II v Weymouth & Portland
Ellingham & Ringwood v Poole
Fordingbridge II v Bridport
New Milton II v Bournemouth III
North Dorset II v Wheatheaf Cab' Crew
Puddletown v Yeovil

Bridport U12s
MUCH credit goes to club groundsman Clive Greening for having playable pitches available on Sunday after such a downpour.
It soon became very apparent that opponents Dorchester, the reigning Dorset & Wiltshire Champions, were a cut above the norm.
Any missed tackle was punished and

D&W D2 (S)	Pld	+/-	Pts
Yeovil	15	653	71
WEYMOUTH & PORT'ND	15	260	64
Bournemouth III	15	462	62
New Milton II	15	321	59
BRIDPORT	15	69	43
Wheatheaf Cabin Crew	15	-84	38
Ellingham & Ringwood II	15	-140	25
PUDDLETOWN	15	-122	22
DORCHESTER II	15	-242	20
North Dorset III	15	-213	19
Poole	15	-472	10
Fordingbridge II	15	-492	-4

no matter who was in the ruck or maul, Dorchester maintained a back line.
The first game could have seen a try from the Blues but for a last snatched knock-on, and lack of tackling enabled Dorchester to win 4-0.
The second game was much more competitive with Araminta May show-

ing good decision making at scrum half, and Ben Fry tackling far bigger players with gusto.

Henry Mason's never give in style of play plus three wins against the head was to make him Man of the Match. Oliver Hansford-Harvey's try was a classic maul, to backs and over the line.
But once again certain players reluctance to tackle, combined with others watching, not pushing, allowed another Dorchester victory of 4-1. However, the old adage applies; the better the opposition, the more you learn.

Bridport U10s
LAST season the young Blues gave a good account of themselves against a strong Oakmedians side, and it was good to see that they had retained near parity in the interval.
Over the course of four short games Bridport drew the first two and lost the second two as they tired somewhat

against a much larger squad.
There was some good rugby on display from both sides, although there was a tendency to hang on to the ball too long and engage in a wrestling match rather than spread it wide and make use of the full pitch.
The first two games, which were very closely fought, both ended one all, Bridport's tries coming from Barney Johnson after some good support work, and Charles Edwards with a strong run down the left wing.
The home side defended very well with Player of the Day, Henry Everitt, showing the way.
In the second two games Bridport shipped six tries, replying with only one from Edwards, as legs began to tire.
With a little more decisiveness at the breakdown and more willingness to distribute the ball Bridport U10s are going to continue to provide stiff opposition to all-comers.

Bridport Squash
Hopes dented

**Bridport 3rd 7
Canford 2nd 15**

THIS result was a blow in Bridport 3rd's aspirations as they lost a little ground in the Dorset League Division Four promotion stakes against a strong Canford team who are also in with a chance of the title writes Roger Lewis.
Nick Neale at one for Bridport had to battle it out with e very fit hard hitting opponent in Anthony Jenkins whose playmaking always had Neale going with a wide range of shots to all corners of the court.

Neale was always playing catch up as he succumbed to a 9-2, 9-5, 5-6 defeat.

As well as Riaz Dahramsh at two played, his opponent Guy Bowden's ability to read his game and counter meant that the Bridport man was on the defensive throughout the match,

Dahramsh managed one game but Bowden was always going to be the winner as he powered through to record a 9-1, 9-4, 9-10, 9-4 victory.

Nathan Neale at three had an excellent game against Steve Boome.

It was Neale's fitness which was a great help in his ability to counter the shot making of his opponent allowing him more time to play his own shots.

The match was nip and tuck throughout with Boome playing some useful tight length shots coupled

with the odd drop shot which meant Neale had to be on his mark.

This he did which eventually gave him a very good 3-9, 9-4, 9-4 victory.

Although Wood played to the best of his ability he was thwarted on many occasions by the intelligent play of his opponent who had an extremely good lob serve followed up by good length drives up and down the walls.

This tactic had Wood playing catch up all the time, and although he lost 8-10, 3-9, 2-9, he will have gained experience which will hold him in good stead in future matches .

Jason Abbott at five was up against another lady player in Canford's Ali McKenzie.

Whenever Abbott plays for the team, he plays a simple uncomplicated game and relies on his opponent to make the mistakes, and this was the case with McKenzie.

It was down to Abbott's patience and intelligent play that proved to be the deciding factor and he went through to win by a very good 9-6, 9-7, 9-4 margin.

Dorset Division 4	Pld	Pts
Bridport III	6	185
Canford II	5	179
Dorchester III	7	172
West Hants IV	6	170
Bournemouth IV	7	158
Two Riversmeet V	6	151
Ferndown IV	5	116
Dorchester IV	6	111
Springfield Club	6	67
Ringwood II	6	59

Hoppé honoured by legend

CLUB member Mark Hoppé was crowned Woolbridge Motor Club Car Trials Champion at a recent presentation during the club's Annual General Meeting at the Colliton Club in Dorchester.

This was an event the successful driver was unable to attend due to a more prestigious awards evening which required his presence.

Hoppé also took his Citroen Saxo to second place in the Association of South Western Motor Clubs Car Trials series and for the second year in succession claimed the premier award in the Motor Sports Association Trials National Championship.

Having secured overall wins in a number of the qualifying rounds, which required contesting qualifying events in Kent, the Home Counties, the Midlands and North Wales, Hoppé was again crowned champion.

The spoils of victory were presented to Mark at the Annual Motor Sports Association's Night of Champions in London where the British motor sporting elite gathered, including all of the 2015 champions such as Gordon Shedden from the high profile British Touring Car Championship as well as winners from drag racing, rallying and karting.



◆ WELL DONE: Mark Hoppé receives his second British title from motor sport legend, and the only man to win world championships on two and four wheels, John Surtees CBE.

Mark received his award from motor sport legend, and recently made CBE, John Surtees.
The only competitor to win world championships on a motorcycle,

which he achieved on four occasions, and in a car in 1964 when he was driving for Enzo Ferrari.
For more information go to www.woolbridge.co.uk.

Riviera backing for McGuinness



◆BRIGHT FUTURE: Libys McGuinness

WEYMOUTH'S Riviera Hotel has announced a knock-out new sponsorship deal.

The Bowleaze Cove venue is backing talented 17-year-old boxer, Libys McGuinness one of Weymouth Boxing Club's hottest properties and a member of its renowned, Grey Ranks Crew section.

McGuinness is being tipped as a future full England international and has already trained with the British Womens squad at the Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

As well as financial support, the Riviera is giving Libys full access to its outstanding leisure facilities that include a gym and two heated swimming pools.

Libys, who will be moving up to senior ranks next month, said: "I am so grateful to the Riviera.

"My aim is to box internationally one day and support like this can really make all the difference.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to the staff at the hotel. Particularly the guys in the leisure club. It is much appreciated."

Riviera general manager, Pete Burnham, said the hotel is delighted to be associated with talented local sports stars.

He added: "Libys is a highly motivated and hardworking young lady and we are delighted to be supporting her.

"We have wonderful leisure facilities here at the Riviera and it's great to think that we are contributing to what we hope will be a very successful career."

Bowls

Over 60s let it slip

Bridport & West Dorset Indoor Club
BRIDPORT Men's over 60's side were also left kicking themselves after throwing away three points in their home match against BOURNEMOUTH.

Holding a six-shot advantage overall with one end left, both triples of Peter Varney, Brian Baker and Phil Hedges, and John Boxall, Mel Hargett and Mike Fletcher dropped three counts to gift Bournemouth the draw 29-29.

Bridport picked up a fine four points against BOURNEMOUTH in the County Mixed League, Erica Sarson, Mary Corfield, Brian Legg and Phil Hedges winning 17-10 at home and Joan and Mel Griffiths, Gill Hunt and Keith Jenkins nicking it 27-26 at Bournemouth.

In the Ladies County League Bridport's B team were in pole position to win their away match against the ISLE OF PURBECK with Joan Griffiths, Pat Cowmeadow, Anne Parkins and Janet Tattershall five up and Erica Sarson, Lyn Sandall, Barbara Jenkins and Mary Marsh four down with one end left.

But it all went wrong as Tattershall and Marsh dropped counts of 5 and 2 to leave Bridport with just one point.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results - February 1st:		
Beer Club 3 Steps 2	Stepps	20 55
New Inn Kilm B 4 Ship	Gerrard Arms	19 54
Inn LR 1, Ax Con Club 3	Axminster Con Club	19 52
Royal Oak 2, Talbot Arms	Beer Club	20 50
2 Nags Head 3, Lamb	Nags Head	19 49
Swans 4 New Inn Kilm A	Ship Inn LR	20 48
1.	New Inn Kilm A	19 47
	Old Inn Kilm	19 46
	Royal Oak	19 46
	Axminster Inn	19 41
	New Inn Kilm B	19 41
	Talbot Arms	19 37

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Axminster Con Club	19	37
New Inn Kilm A	19	33
Royal Oak	19	33
Gerrard Arms	18	31
Talbot Arms	19	30
New Inn Kilm B	19	30
Lamb Swans	20	30
Stepps	20	27
Axminster Inn	19	27
Old Inn Kilm	19	26
Ship Inn LR	20	25
Nags Head	19	23
Beer Club	20	23

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures
Portman Handicap (R3)
Tuesday, February 16th
Rejects v Broadoak (14).
Wednesday, February 17th
LHS v Alleycats (27), Aussies Lot (13) v 7" Clock,
Thursday, February 18th
Nelson Nobblers v AFAR (37), Rockets v Originals (21).
Friday, February 19th
Pioneers (4) v Castouts, Hidden Talent (19) v Strawpeedoes.

Brandy Snaps (10) v Nelson Nobblers.
Wednesday, February 17th
Castouts (10) v Wanderers.
Thursday, February 18th
Shipfaced v Yo Yo's (15).
Friday, February 19th
Originals v Alleycats (10).
Nomination Semi-Final
Monday, February 15th
BRADPOLE CLUB — Wanderers v Shipfaced.
Tuesday, February 16th
WOODMAN — Rockets v Yo Yo's.

Cup Winners Cup (R2)
Monday, February 15th

Division A	Pd	Pts	Division C	Pd	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	12	18	Aussies Lot	11	18
Rejects	12	18	Bulldogs	10	14
Wanderers	11	17	LHS	10	14
Lively Lads	12	12	Strawpeedoes	12	14
Shipfaced	10	12	Whisky Chasers	11	12
Denhay	12	11	Groundhogs	9	10
Rough Eight	12	10	Survivors	11	10
Slingers	11	10	Pinseekers	11	8
Masters	11	8	Yo Yo's	12	8
Originals	12	8	Pioneers	11	6
Rockets	12	8	Unknowns	8	4
Outsiders	11	6			

Division B	Pd	Pts	Division D	Pd	Pts
Broadoak	11	18	Brandy Snaps	12	20
U know the Blokes	10	16	AFAR	11	18
Dingbats	9	13	Alcoholics	12	16
7" Clock	11	11	Featherbeds	12	16
Castouts	11	10	Alleycats	11	14
Miss the Ball	11	10	Stingers	10	13
Bangers	10	8	Let em Roll	9	12
Countrymen	10	8	Hidden Talent	11	7
The Dingles	11	8	Offcuts	10	7
Gerryiatrics	9	4	Tiger Lilies	12	6
NBC	9	4	Pinbashers	12	3
			Bad Girls	12	2

Dorchester Snooker

Table week 13	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	12	48
Trinity Gooduns.....	10	44
W.Dorset Club A ...	9	41
Trinity Express.....	11	41
Purbeck Potters.....	10	38
WDC YYMFD T	9	35
Colliton XQ2015.....	9	33
WDC Whip B	11	26
Colliton Hopefuls ..	9	24

Rearranged fixtures;
WDC YYMFD T v Purbeck Potters (Tonight - Wednesday, February 10th), Trinity Express v Colliton XQ2015 (Monday, February 15th).

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rubber Johns	13	22
Rob's Robbers	13	21
BSC	12	19
Fleet Street Five ..	14	17
Nomads	14	16
Hands of Time	14	15
It's in the Middle ..	13	11
Nags Head A	13	10
Noth'n But Treble ..	13	6
Odds or Us	13	5
Young Darters	12	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Les Miserables	13	21
Elders	12	21
One for the Vikings ..	14	20
Respect-de-Bull	13	17
Dat Team	12	15
Anchor V Viewers ..	12	8
Otter Rotters	12	7
Poachers	13	6
Royal Hawks	12	6
Time Bombs	11	3

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Five	12	20
Tiger Bees	12	15
Flashes Fives	12	13
Mis Fits	12	13
The Surgeons	11	12
Midnight Runners ..	12	12
No Direction	12	11
3 Become 1	11	10
Only Just	11	10
The Royal Nuts	11	0

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dart Vaders	12	22
The Nameless	12	15
Wicked Team Name ..	12	15
Whamo	12	13
Sorted Odds	12	12
Dodgers	11	12
Thunder Birds	11	9
Odds & Sods	12	9
Ace of Clubs	11	5
Mozzies Heroes	11	4

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	19	35
Arrows Awry	19	28
Tender Trap	19	25
Sue's Rebels	19	20
Clocking On	19	18
Queen Bees	19	17
Against the Odds ..	19	8
Castaways	19	1

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Queenes OTC	21	34
Up and Downers	20	25
Wildcats	20	23
Next Door	21	23
Good Mates	21	18
Wrong Bed	19	15
Angels Aweigh	19	14
Charlie's Angels ..	19	14
Tiger Stripes	18	12

180s: D1 - M.Fisher x8, D2 - S.Crabb, A.Coutts & P.Rowley all x3, D3 - R.Hayter & S.West both x2, D4 - A.Page (Wicket TN) x3, LD1 - T.Dawe, S.James, S.Hallett, J.Collins, S.Chick all x1, LD2 - T.Wayland (Wrong Bed) x1.

A blast from the past - charity cricket

THIS week we are introducing the first of a series of occasional stories which we have named "Blast from the Past" and we are looking for readers help in identifying and supplying us with events we can use in future editions.

We are looking for stories that are slightly quirky or celebrate sporting events that maybe now have significance.

It may be playing with or against someone who later became a superstar or an incident that was unusual or different. An old photo or two would be appreciated if possible.

If you have any such stories and photos, and would like to share them then send it by e-mail to Stuart Broom (stuart@pemedias.co.uk) or Howard Larcombe (howard@pemedias.co.uk).

To kick off the series we start with an old newspaper cutting that John Laurence of Bridport found in a drawer whilst having a clear it out.

Inaugural charity match

THE report is on the first cricket competition held to raise funds for the preservation and upkeep of St Mary's Church Bridport, a competition that is still ongoing over 30 years later.

The six-a-side knock-out tournament involved eight local companies and has raised thousands of pounds over the years.

The photo belongs to John Laurence, a former Bridport-Gundry employee who was part of the team that drew with the Bowditch and Singleton family in the final.

Although not a cricketer, John was the star with the ball on the day taking three wickets with three balls including Richard Strong playing for the George Gentlemen, who soon after became a work and cricket colleague when he joined Bridport-Gundry.

'St Mary's Playing fields in Bridport were the scene of

◆ **GREAT MATCH:** captains Peter Singleton (left) and Ken Hosking shaking hands after sharing the cup. The rest of the Bridport-Gundry team are (from left): Brian Kick (centre), Jim Hoskins, John Laurence, Jonathan James, but we can't remember the man on the right. Can anyone help and with those in the Bowditch and Singleton team perhaps?

intense but friendly sporting rivalry on Sunday when eight teams of cricket enthusiasts competed in a six-a-side knock-out tournament.

Organised by the Friends of St Mary's to stitulate local community support for the preservation and upkeep of Bridport's parish church, the event raised some £380 to that end.

The final match between the Bowditch and Singleton family team and Bridport Gundry produced a thrilling finish.

With one ball to go Gundry's needed two runs to win but only managed to scramble a single.

A tie was a fitting finish and each team will now hold the trophy - a golden rose bowl - for six months.

Highest scorer on the day was Peter Singleton (32 no v Bridport Round Table).

Other high scorers were The Doves & Crocks team's Edward Griffin (31) and Clifford Samways of The Mayor's team and Ken Hoskins (Gundry's captain) who both scored 28.

The most successful bowler was Gundry's John Laurence who a remarkable three wickets for five runs in his one over against the George Gentlemen.

The lucky programme number was 573 and the holder is asjed to contact Tony Bowditch at South Holme off South Street to receive the prize.

◆ If you have any old sporting and different sportng Blast from the Past photos send them to [View Sport](#).

Charlton Down benefitting from youth policy



◆ **SPOT ON:** Kerr Jeffrey receives the Under 13 Red team manager's award from head coach Pete Tucker

AS reported last week Charlton Down Cricket Club had a very successful season at youth level. Their success and continued progress augers well for the future, and with several former youth players now established in the senior team, success for the club appears very bright.

Besides winning Division 5, their third consecutive promotion, the senior side were also voted Dorset Funeral league's joint team of the season along with Stalbridge.



◆ **THE FUTURE:** Members of Charlton Down's youth teams celebrating during their recent awards night

West Dorset Hawks Hockey

Injuries snatch deserved victory from Hawks

Penzance 3 West Dorset Hawks 2

INJURIES to three of West Dorset Hawks most influential players wrecked West Dorset Hawks chances of a memorable victory on their longest trip of the season to Cornwall.

Having battled torrential rain, gales and floods on their way, they were leading 2-1 going into halftime when striker Steve Mearning was taken out by a crude tackle that, following a lengthy period off the field for treatment, saw him return at only half pace.

Earlier in the second half, Rick Steele was also the victim of some rough treatment that saw his contribution also reduced significantly, and then still hanging on to their lead, they suffered another blow when Gavin Brooking tweaked his calf and could not continue.

Despite the long trip and the treacherous weather which prevailed throughout the game, Hawks started much the better and from the start put Penzance, who are looking for promotion this season, under the cosh and they took the lead after 14 minutes.

Steele picked up Julian May's aerial and sprinted down the line before delivering a low crisp cross.

The home keeper thinking it was going to pass the far post, lifted his leg to let it go but did not notice Ollie Gargrave lurking at the far post, who turned the ball home.

The startled Cornishmen however could do nothing about it as Hawks continued to dominate, but did draw level on 29 minutes with a rather lucky equaliser. A shot from a short corner appeared to be going

wide but keeper Tom Lowe, taking no chances, stuck out his left boot which took the slightest of deflection past the covering Brooking and bobbled into the net.

Hawks were not to be denied however and they soon regained the lead on the counter attack with two minutes of the half remaining when Simon Wakely beat his marker down the left before firing in a bullet cross that found Mearning at the top of the D.

He beat a defender before ex-cisively lobbing the advancing keeper as he rushed out for a superb goal.

Immediately from the restart Mearning was effectively taken out to reduce the Hawks attacking threat.

West Dorset regrouped with Richard Pusey who, along with Jim Bowditch, had not played

much in the last year, as replacement, and they continued to call the tune.

However, with two players clearly less than fully mobile and the conditions beginning to tell, the hosts started to get on top.

Lowe brought off a stupendous double save to keep them ahead, first stopping a fierce shot with his helmet, before recovering to parry the follow up away.

However, with 15 minutes left Penzance, another young, fit side who were able to rotate their players, scored an equaliser from open play, and with the Hawks now grounded by exhaustion they snatched a late winner to take the points.

Spokesperson May said: "Once again it was a great team performance.

It was disappointing that Steve and Rick were both vic-

tims of some heavy handed treatment - had they and Gavin been fully fit, it would probably have given us victory."

With four teams relegated from Southern 2, and West Dorset needing a couple of victories to ensure they are safe, next Saturday's home fixture against Isca C is important in their quest to ensure they stay up.

Southern 2	Pld	Pts
Taunton Vale B	17	39
Penzance	17	37
Exeter University	17	36
Camborne SoM	17	28
Plymouth Uni A	16	28
WEST DORSET	17	25
Yeovil & Sherb A	16	24
Bude	17	24
PGSOB A	17	22
Isca C	17	20
Plymouth Marjon C ..	17	15
PSSOB B	17	0

Lyme Skittles

Results (w/e Feb 6th);
Ladies; Wild Pins (+BL) 307 Generations 257, Wootton Wobblers (+BL) 297 Rollercoasters 289, Hot Gossips 312 Smashers (+BL) 313, Just Us 279 La Crème (+BL) 290.

Men's; Clueless 314 Marksmen (+BL) 346, British Legion 302 Trappers (+BL) 319, President's Men (+BL) 311 Shakers 293, No Hoppers (+BL) 362 Young Guns 313, Anthill Mob (+BL) 335 Skippy's Six 303, Tornadoes 317 Rousdon Rebels (+BL) 347, Miscellaneous 337 Alleytwits (+BL) 324, Roadrunners 305 Flyers 311 (BL drawn). (+BL) = Beer Leg winner

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers ..	10	20	14
Wild Pins	10	12	12
Smashers	10	11	12
Generations	10	9	12
Just Us	9	9	4
Hot Gossips	10	7	14
La Crème	10	6	6
Rollercoasters	9	4	4

Mens Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
Marksmen	11	18	8
No Hoppers	8	14	6
Rousdon Rebels	10	12	10
Anthill Mob	11	10	16
Young Guns	11	10	16
Wreckers	9	10	11
Clueless	10	8	7
Skippy's Six	11	6	9
Tornadoes	11	4	9

Mens Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Flyers	10	20	16
Roadrunners	10	13	13
Trappers	10	13	13
Alleytwits	10	10	13
Miscellaneous	9	8	4
President's Men	10	6	9
Shakers	9	4	6
British Legion	9	4	4

Table Skittles

Bridport & Dist League			
Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Jesters	16	62	13
Crown Duels	16	61	15
Hopeless Anchors ..	16	48	9
Morris Heads	13	44	8
No Hoppers	15	44	4
What an Anchor	16	44	11
What's the Odds	16	44	8
Fred's Heroes	15	34	7
Mucking Fuddlers ..	15	33	4
Odds Against	15	30	4
Ria Gunners	14	27	9
Consorts	14	21	3
The Devils	15	20	7
George Gormets	16	18	4

Division B	Pld	Pts	BL
Fishermen's Friends ..	15	50	12
Baggies Boys	14	46	10
Pat the Hat	15	46	7
Nelson Villains	13	40	13
Bellends	14	40	3
Little Nibblers	14	36	9
Hitt & Hope	13	35	8
Slingers	11	31	6
Mel's men	12	27	5
Stick Ups	14	27	5
Five Alive	14	22	5
Has Beens	13	18	4
About Time	12	17	3

Lyme Darts

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	13	23
Rousdon Club	10	20
Nags 2	13	19
Rock Point	12	19
Four Play	14	18
Janners	12	12
Hunters Lodge	12	10
Talbot Arms	14	8
Royal Standard	11	7
Cobb Arms	13	6
Four's Company	12	4
Half an Octopus	12	2

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INSIDE: Comprehensive local sport round-up

Log jam continues to build

AND so it goes on. There was a total washout of all Devon & Exeter and Perry Street League matches on Saturday. The PSDL tally of backlogged matches now stands at 142; which already far exceeds last season's 96. Over in the D&E League just 85 (25 per cent) of a scheduled 329 matches have been played since December 12th. It is now more than three months (October 24th) since all of our region's teams played on the same day! Players should begin steeling themselves for a log-jam of midweek games at the end of the season. Maybe it's time for a change? The results of the Grassroots Football Federation survey twitter has been overwhelming. A Federation spokesman said on social media: "At 'Grassroots' we held a survey about missed games due to the British winter weather. With some teams having

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not kicked a ball for 11 weeks due to waterlogged pitches etc.
 "We asked: 'Has the time come for seasons to be moved?'
 The overwhelming response. Was yes, with a massive 78 per cent of participants voting to move the season.
 "A few options were put forward with the following being the most popular;
 League starts in March and runs to Mid-July before a six-week mid-season break for the School holidays
 The league would then resume in early September and conclude in late November."
 The obvious drawback with this plan is availability with a number of local pitches doubling up as cricket grounds

between late May and late August, and also a probable reluctance due the school holidays season.
 The local clubs will all try again next Saturday. Lyme Regis travel to face Culmpton Rangers Reserves in the D & E Division Two.
 The Resses have a top versus second clash in Division Seven with the visit of Tivvy Park Rangers. A win will take the Seasiders' second-string to the top spot.
 Back in the PSDL Premier the Bantams head off to face title-chasing Perry Street (2.30)
 Down in Division One UPLYME are due to visit Beaminster Reserves.
 There's a west Dorset derby down in Division Three with CHARMOUTH heading off to take on Netherbury Reserves while Uplyme Reserves entertain lowly Ilminster Town A.
 Look out for exciting news for Lyme Regis FC on pages 1 and 5.



◆ **YELLOW PERIL:** The locally-based Uplyme & Sinker team who compete in the Wednesday evening Leisure Leagues six-a-side competition at the Axe Valley 3G

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